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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 4
Program: "Small Gulls of Colorado"
Speaker: John Vanderpoel
NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY DECEMBER 1997

December 6, Saturday **(HAM)**
Hamilton Reservoir and Wellington
Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder
0830-1200. 14.3 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy, calm, 18-22°F.
Observers: Alex Cringan, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Greg Johnson, Ruth Reeser, Warner Reeser, Scott Rashid, Karleen Schofield, Lynn Willcockson.
45 species. 1,450 individuals.

December 7, Sunday **(CAC)**
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: J.B. Hayes
0800-1200. 2.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Heavy overcast, calm, 27-32°F.
Observer: Eric Johnson.
20 species. 440 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

Trips scheduled for December 2 and 9 canceled due inclement weather. No trips scheduled December 16, 23, and 30 due Christmas counts and holiday season.

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Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1997, it **expired** December 31 and will terminate January 31, 1998. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

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UPCOMING CLASSES AND CAMPS

February 11: "Rosy Finches and Winter Birds"
February 17: "Hawks and Owls of Colorado"
March 26, April 2 and April 9: "Landscaping for songbirds, plus precise nest box dimensions, ethical bird feeding and predator proofing your yard for birds". Call Tina Jones at 794-2647 for class details.

Summer, 1998: On the Wing Youth Summer Camp, Rocky Mountain National Park and Pawnee National Grassland. Call Jennie Duberstein, Youth Field Program Coordinator the Colorado Bird Observatory 659-4348 for details.

	6	7
SPECIES	HAM	CAC
Pied-billed Grebe	1	
Horned Grebe	7	
Western Grebe	12	
Canada Goose	413	
Green-winged Teal	3	
Mallard	309	
Northern Pintail	30	
Northern Shoveler	5	
Gadwall	41	
American Wigeon	3	
Canvasback	2	
Redhead	2	
Lesser Scaup	60	
Common Goldeneye	56	
Bufflehead	24	
Hooded Merganser	19	
Common Merganser	69	
Ruddy Duck	6	
Bald Eagle	Ia	
Northern Harrier	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	1	2
Rough-legged Hawk	1	

SPECIES	6 HAM	7 CAC
American Kestrel	3	1
American Coot	38	
Ring-billed Gull	41	
Herring Gull	2	
Rock Dove	33	10
Great Horned Owl	2	
Northern Pygmy-Owl		1
Long-eared Owl	1	
Downy Woodpecker		1
Northern Flicker		
"Red-shafted" race	1	4
Horned Lark	4	
Steller's Jay		1
Blue Jay	4	2
Western Scrub-Jay		8
Black-billed Magpie	3	7
American Crow		1
Common Raven		1

SPECIES	6 HAM	7 CAC
Black-capped Chickadee	2	10
Mountain Chickadee		2
White-breasted Nuthatch		3
Townsend's Solitaire		14
American Robin	1	350
European Starling	55	
American Tree Sparrow	50	
Song Sparrow	1	
White-crowned Sparrow	2	
Dark-eyed Junco	3	
"White-winged" race		1
"Oregon" race		2
"Pink-sided" race		6
Red-winged Blackbird	25	
Cassin's Finch		1
House Finch	2	12
American Goldfinch	90	
House Sparrow	20	
TOTAL SPECIES	45	20
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1450	440

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - DECEMBER 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	12/6	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Common Loon	12/1-31	up to 6	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Yellow-billed Loon	12/14	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Bob Brown
American White Pelican	12/1-11	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Tundra Swan	12/6	1a	Little Gaynor Lake	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Trumpeter Swan	12/6	1a	Little Gaynor Lake	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Greater Scaup	12/15	1m	Prospect Lake	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
	12/21	1f	Valco Pond, Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, mo
Oldsquaw	12/5-31	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, John Yaeger, mo
Black Scoter	12/6	2f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
White-winged Scoter	12/1,4	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	12/6	3f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	12/16	1f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Gail Evans
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/1-31	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	12/5-7	1am	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	12/12-18	1m	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	12/15	4m,4f	Lake Granby	Grand	Tina Jones
American Woodcock	12/15	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bonaparte's Gull	12/1-23	up to 36	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Glaucous Gull	12/6	1	Union Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Great Black-backed Gull	12/1-31	1wa	Valco Ponds and Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Thayer's Gull	12/7-8	1fw	Valco Ponds and Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	12/14-22	up to 8	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, mo
Eastern Screech-Owl	12/22	1h	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Long-eared Owl	12/16	1	Bonny Reservoir south side pond	Yuma	Dan Bridges
	12/19	4	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Dan Bridges
	12/22	4	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Tree Swallow	12/1-5	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Winter Wren	12/14	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	12/15	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
	12/21	1	Canon City River Walk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
	12/22	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, mo
Eastern Bluebird	12/22	39	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, mo
Varied Thrush	12/20, 29	1f	Colorado State Forest Nursery, Ft. Collins	Larimer	David Letherman, Dan Bridges
Sage Thrasher	12/3,7	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Loggerhead Shrike	12/19	1m	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Dan Bridges
Pine Warbler	12/5-28	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Palm Warbler	12/8-30	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, Leon Bright, mo
Wilson's Warbler	12/8-31	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Fox Sparrow	12/19, 20, 31	1	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield, Geroge Armbrust
Swamp Sparrow	12/7-12	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	12/21	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
	12/22	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Harris' Sparrow	12/11	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	12/19-31	up to 6i	Valco Ponds and Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	12/22	1i	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Rusty Blackbird	12/1-30	up to 4	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Yeager, mo
Great-tailed Grackle	12/22	4	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Common Grackle	12/22	2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Purple Finch	12/26	1im	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, George Armbrust
	12/31	1im	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

1997 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 20, 1997, 7:00am to 5:00pm.
Compiler: Dick Schottler **Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones
Sky: Mostly clear **Temperature:** 9 to 40 deg. F **Wind:** Variable, 0 to 5 mph
Snow Cover: 0 to 30" **Fresh Water:** Partly open **Wild Food Crop:** Good
Observers: 102 (63 in 27 parties, 39 watchers at 35 feeders)
Total Party Hours: 197.75 (129.5 on foot, 68.25 by car)
Total Party Miles: 734.75 (95.35 on foot, 639.4 by car)
Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 127
Count Totals: 95 species; 28,420 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in **bold**):

Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown
Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Karen Donnerstag, Tom Fouch, Philip Hayes, Mike Holder, Mary Jane Schock, **Robert Spencer**
Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Syl Sather
Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Tina Jones, **Mortimer Staatz**
Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, **Ed Holub**
Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): Bob Randall, Dick Pratt, **Dick Schottler**
Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**
Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**
Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Sarah Barnum, Peter Gillette, Hugh Kingery, **Urling Kingery**, Deb Ostergard
Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): J.B. Hayes, **Joey Kellner**, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood
Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): **Carolyn Cooley**, Doris Cruze
Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Susan Boersma, Elizabeth Willcockson, **Lynn Willcockson**
Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): **Doug Ward**
Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp
Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DM): Sherry Chapman, **David Laliberte**, Mookie McKim, Frances Sperl
Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): **Warren Finch,** Paula Hansley, Michael Schroff
Area 15. Indian Hills (IH): **Duane Nelson**, Warren Roske, Sherman Wing
Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Dave Quesenberry**
Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): (area not counted)
Area 18. Garrison Gate (GG): **Chuck Aid**
Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**, Sue Schulman, Bill Urquhart, Nancy Urquhart
Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): James Gross, **Karen Gross**
Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): **Karleen Schofield**, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Gay Bishop, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Bill & Jan Carter, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Phyllis Fischer,

Marjory Friedman, Marie Grosshuesh, Jerome Grutza, Betty & Stan Harwood, Margi Hasslacher, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Lila Kint, Kurt Lani, Lynda Ludvigsen, Barbara Livingston, Mrs. Garth Magee, Dick Masteller, Doris & Harold McLaughlin, Doreen Near, John Presler, Leon Rollin, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Leslie Schreiner, Janet Shin, Candy Vallado, Kathy Wallace, Donald Wargo, John Weege.

1997 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) took place on December 20, 1997 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance for the 44th consecutive year. The first CBC in this circle in 1954, conducted by our predecessor organization, the Denver Bird Club, tallied 11,586 birds of 80 species. This year, 28,420 individual birds of 95 species were recorded by the 63 field observers and 39 feeder watchers (compared with 30,104 individuals of 101 species in 1996). The weather on Count day was better than initially forecast, with none of the predicted snow flurries or wind and quite a bit of sunshine.

Rare birds were, indeed, rare on this year's Count. However, two species, Orange-crowned Warbler and Chipping Sparrow, were added to the cumulative Denver CBC list, bringing the total species seen since 1954 to 187 (including all the recent "splits"). The warbler was observed with several chickadees in South Platte Park (area 4B). One Chippie was spotted in area 4B, also in South Platte Park, associating with a flock of Tree Sparrows and Song Sparrows, and another was seen in the Plum Creek delta (area 6); a third was reportedly seen at a feeder, but no documentation had been received as of the date this report was prepared. Only one additional species recorded on 5 or fewer of the 43 previous Denver CBC's was spotted - a Yellow-billed Loon observed nearly trapped in the ice on Chatfield Reservoir where it had been observed for several weeks prior to count day. A Western Grebe was also spotted trapped in a small opening in the ice at Chatfield, and as described by Joey Kellner, a Bald Eagle had the grebe in its talons and was holding it under water trying to drown it, but the grebe managed to escape. The eagle attempted to land on the ice, but the ice could not support his weight and he flew off.

Record-high individual numbers were established for three species this year: Red-tailed Hawk (87 seen, topping the previous high of 81 set in 1996), Kestrel (66, topping the 64 seen in 1996), and Crow (3,130, far exceeding the previous high count of 1,277 seen in 1996; the population of crows in the count area appears to be exploding!). The two Barrow's Goldeneyes spotted on McLellan Reservoir (area 4A) ties the record high also set in 1996. The 1,075 robins seen represents the second highest number recorded in the 44 years of the Count; most were observed in or near the foothills and mountain areas with very few seen in the lower elevations.

Much-lower-than-usual numbers of the following species were observed: Killdeer (8 is the lowest number seen since 1979; the 1987-1996 10-year average for the species is 22), Great Horned Owl (11 is the lowest since 1976; the 10-yr. average is 23), Magpie (627 is the fewest seen since 1968; the 10-yr. average is 887), Dipper (the 2 reported ties the lowest number seen for the 44 counts; the average for the last 10 years is 19), and House Finch (511 represents the fewest seen since 1972, and is well below the average of 1,720 for the last 10 years; this seems to substantiate the general feeling among feeder operators that there are abnormally low numbers of House Finches in the Denver area this winter).

The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (9,554), 2. Crow (3,130), 3. Starling (2,811), 4. Mallard (1,786), 5. Robin (1,075), 6. Dark-eyed Junco (1,064), 7. House Sparrow (708), 8. Red-winged Blackbird (704), 9. Magpie (627), and 10. Rock Dove (604).

Species reported in the Count circle during Count Week (3 days before and after Count day) but not seen on the 20th included Pacific Loon and "yellow-shafted" Flicker.

As compiler of the 44th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the 23 Area Leaders whose efforts make the Count a success year after year, to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling their results, and to Scott and Sandy Menough for again hosting our compilation meeting at their Wild Birds Unlimited store and providing the very welcome refreshments. This Count is a Denver Field Ornithologists tradition, and I hope more of our members will participate in the 45th Count on Saturday, December 19, 1998.

A=Feeders, Plains
B=Feeders, Foothills
C=Grand Total

SPECIES	1 RRP	2 LBC	2A BCP	3 BMM	4A LSP	4B LSP	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CHA	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC	12 YPK	13 DM	14 NTC	15 IH	16 UBC	18 GG	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MLW		A	B	C
Yellow-billed Loon											1																1
Pied-billed Grebe					2				1		7																10
Western Grebe											4																4
Great Blue Heron		2	1		1	10			1	8	1																24
Snow Goose									1																		1
Canada Goose		822	410	835	1900	2500	335		140	465	385		48								29	760			925		9654
Wood Duck					30	3		1			1														14		49
Green-winged Teal		9		6	1	6		12	5	8	6																53
Mallard	4	182	100	57	220	620		2	26	32	48	2									8	240			245		1786
Northern Pintail				6		9			2		3																20
Northern Shoveler		30		1	70					1	11										2				2		117
Gadwall		5	4	3	5	45			12	10	26																110
American Wigeon		18			40	21			2																15		96
Canvasback						1																					1
Redhead						60	12																				72
Ring-necked Duck					2	50	8																		24		84
Lesser Scaup				24	11	4					1																40
Common Goldeneye		4	35	14	42	54	5		8	14	33											11					220
Barrow's Goldeneye					2																						2
Bufflehead				2	43	32					1																78
Hooded Merganser		5		5	13	14			2		2																41
Common Merganser			4	160	20	140					48																372
Ruddy Duck					1																						1
Bald Eagle	1				4	3			2	3	3										1						17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1								1									1					1		1		5
Cooper's Hawk	1											1														1	3
Northern Goshawk											1																1
Red-tailed Hawk																											
Western races	4	4	10	3	3	6	4	3	5	5	5	5	3	1	1	3	2			1	7	8				3	86
"Harlan's" race						1																					1
Ferruginous Hawk			3				2		1													1					7
Rough-legged Hawk	1		1									1	1									1					5
Golden Eagle	3						1		1			1	1								1	1			2		11
American Kestrel	5	7	8		2	1	6		1	8	3	7	1						2		8	3	1		1	2	66
Prairie Falcon											1											2					3
Blue Grouse																	1										1
Wild Turkey																127				11							138
Virginia Rail		1						1	1																		3
American Coot			2	120	55	29	2		1		150																353
Killdeer		1		1	2	2					1		1														8
Common Snipe				3				2		6																	11
Ring-billed Gull		78	3	69	40	17					41											45			3		296
California Gull						1																					1
Herring Gull						2					5																7
Rock Dove	17	40	72	14	46	6	105	8	31	6	2	20	2				2	11	8		36	100	2		47	30	604
Mourning Dove		1			1	2		5																			9
Great Horned Owl						2	1	1	1	2	3		1														11
Northern Pygmy Owl																										3	3
Belted Kingfisher			4	2	3	13		3	1	7	2	3														1	39
Downy Woodpecker	3			3	5	1		9	2	10	2		1	2	3	2	1	1			2		2		12	13	74
Hairy Woodpecker							2			1				2	2	3	4	5		9					2	7	37

	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21				
SPECIES	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	GG	MWB	WCK	MLW		A	B	C
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	9	16	7	17	19	18	4	7	19	9	9	5	5	1	1	1		3	2		6	3	2		61	13	237
Horned Lark							8				1																9
Steller's Jay													9	35	32	15	15	16	1	46	4				49	47	269
Blue Jay		4	1	3	6	1	2						3			1					5	4			59	4	93
Western Scrub-Jay	17	7										8	7	2	16			1	15	5	28		10		17	17	150
Clark's Nutcracker																				1							1
Black-billed Magpie	11	73	40	26	35	43	33	28	16	43	35	35	15	3	11	3	6	6	15	8	29	16	4		73	20	627
American Crow	1	20	1		5	4	2250	295	4	27	42		150		16	16	10	10			40	22	8		66	143	3130
Common Raven	2	2				2	10	2	2	4	3	16	2	3	2	8	2	7		1			6		15	2	91
Black-capped Chickadee	13	30	7	2	21	24	25	37	36	72	33	20	6	10	16			2	2	22	12		9		101	46	545
Mountain Chickadee				1	1								4	55	37	49	20	39	6	68			13			36	329
Red-breasted Nuthatch													3	8	10	3	20	11		19			7		1	1	83
White-breasted Nuthatch					1								2		5	17	3	11		11			3		3	7	63
Pygmy Nuthatch													1		32	14	25	20		37			6			20	155
Brown Creeper								1					3	1	1	3	5	6		2							22
Canyon Wren	2												1	1													4
Marsh Wren									1																		1
American Dipper									1			1															2
Golden-crowned Kinglet												1															1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									3																		3
Townsend's Solitaire	12								1	1		5	3	12	8	3	10	23	10	14	6		41		3	2	154
American Robin	80	20	1		7	3			1			60	68		23		25	108	50	11	306	10	142		51	109	1075
Cedar Waxwing													3														3
Northern Shrike									2	1	3			2		1	1										10
European Starling	24	356	105	64	580	193	121	7	162	37	310	75	4		17	15	5	11	6		76	120			494	29	2811
Orange-crnd Warbler						1																					1
Spotted Towhee	2	2		2					2			3	5	1				3			3				7		30
American Tree Sparrow	7	8	6	30	2	70	17	63		80	23		4									20			2		332
Chipping Sparrow						1		1																			2
Fox Sparrow (red race)	1																										1
Song Sparrow	8		2	3	4	23		29	32	32	22	10	2					2			1				1	2	173
Swamp Sparrow								1																			1
White-crowned Sparrow					1												1								27		29
Harris' Sparrow													1														1
Dark-eyed Junco	195	4	17	12	20	1	12	15	18	48	12	6	6	12	47	19	37	19	20	14	53	15	8		255	199	1064
"White-winged" race	5																	6							5		16
"Slate-colored" race	20		2		6		8	2	2	5	1	4	2	2				2			47				84	30	217
"Oregon pink-sided"	96	4	15		12		4	9	16	22	10	2	4		2	18	2	3			6	15	2		56	31	328
"Gray-headed" race	75				2						1			10	28	1	5	4	20	14			6		85	98	349
"junco race"				12		1		4		21					17		30	4							25	40	154
Red-winged Blackbird				15	57	97	60	122	120	49	1		14			16		4			7	10			72	60	704
Western Meadowlark							14																				14
Brewer's Blackbird		7																				10					17
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch																										24	24
Cassin's Finch	2																									17	19
House Finch	20	24	8	29	12	60	13	22	6	8	2	1	6		10	10	5	6			32				224	13	511
Red Crossbill																	1	11									12
Pine Siskin														2	10	5	30	28		6					39	48	168
American Goldfinch	15			7		6		3	2	53	23	22	9			2		3			2				27	2	176
Evening Grosbeak															8										12	9	29
House Sparrow		80	7	32	110	50	1					2	4					6			25		2		370	19	708
TOTAL SPECIES	28	31	26	33	43	46	26	26	41	30	43	24	36	18	22	23	23	28	12	18	26	21	18		37	33	95
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	461	1862	859	1571	3444	4246	3053	660	675	1050	1316	310	399	153	308	336	231	374	137	266	729	1402	267		3322	949	28420

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/97

	GENERAL FUND	EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND	RESERVE FUND
BALANCE, 1/1/97	$2,092.20	$18,270.46	$8,500.00
RECEIPTS			
1997 Membership Dues			
Received in – 1996	$1,838.00		
– 1997	$5,141.00		
Total Membership Dues	$6,979.00		
Interest	$607.02	$1,026.79	
Colorado Bird Report	$965.00		
Book Shop	$1,545.70		
Contributions		$342.00	
Speaker Fund	$65.00		
Lark Bunting	$100.00		
Bird Trips	$56.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$10,317.72	$1,368.79	
DISBURSEMENTS			
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	$7,789.83		
Museum Membership	$150.00		
Colorado Bird Report	$638.40		
Book Shop	$1,100.12		
Liability Insurance	$623.00		
Honoraria	$185.00		
Awards	$25.49	$800.00	
Miscellanous – Administrative	$225.92		
– Bird Trips	$138.98		
– C/B's	$149.97		
– Other	$45.00		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$11,071.71	$800.00	
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	($753.99)	$568.79	
TRANSFER	$1,000.00		($1,000.00)
ADJUSTMENTS			
1997 Membership Dues Received In 1996	($1,838.00)		
1998 Membership Dues Received in 1997	$3,725.00		
BALANCE, 12/31/97	$4,225.21	$18,839.25	$7,500.00

$2,500.00 of the Reserve Fund is restricted as a pledge to Colorado Bird Observatory Building Fund.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Katherine Blacklock and Bert Paredes	6859 N. Beaver Run, Littleton, 80125	973-4936
Frank and Marilyn Rathman	8460 Warhawk Rd., Conifer, 80433-9608	674-2432
Phyllis K. Stare	1436 S. University Blvd., Denver, 80210	777-1238

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

February 1, Sunday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado and Nebraska
Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
Meet leader at 0630 at the east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Exact destination of this trip will be determined by the weather. If Lake McConaughy in Nebraska is frozen, Bald Eagles by the hundreds congregate there. If the eagles are not at McConaughy, the trip will be spent in northeast Colorado looking for hawks. Bring lunch.

Saturday, February 7 **(CCR)**
Canyon City Riverwalk
Leader: David Pantle, 719-275-8208
Meet local coordinator, Sherry Chapman, 699-1351 at the south side of Albertson's parking lot one block west of Arapahoe Rd. and I-25. Meet leader at 0930 at his home at 1826 Flora Ct., to bird the Riverwalk area. Eat lunch at leader's home overlooking spectacular scenery. Spend the afternoon driving country roads. Some species expected are: Greater White-fronted Goose, Scaled Quail, Bewick's Wren, Canyon Towhee and Greater Roadrunner. This is a joint trip with the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. Please call local coordinator to establish meeting time and facilitate carpooling.

February 8, Sunday **(LMT)**
Longmont area to include Union Reservoir
Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 1-303-772-6048
Meet leaders at 0830 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO-119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to park on left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) Lunch optional. This trip especially good for novice birders and new members.

February 14, Saturday **(FEF)**
Feeder Frolic
Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682
Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at northeast corner of S. Federal Blvd. and Belleview Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Bring lunch.

February 15, Sunday **(VDT)**
Sixth Annual Valentine's Day Trip
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661
Meet leader at 0800 at the South Platte River parking lot on the southeast corner of E. 88th Ave., and Colorado Blvd. Trip will include South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area in Brighton. Expect to walk 3-4 miles. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for new members.

February 21, Saturday **(BLL)**
Bluff Lake and Sand Creek
Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
Meet leader at 0800 at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Bluff Lake area is the new area opened up when Stapleton Airport was closed. Full Day trip. Bring lunch.

February 22, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 278-7245
Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb Street. Lunch optional.

February 28, Saturday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194
Register with leader if going as number of observers is limited. You can expect to see wintering Bald Eagles, raptors and possibly nesting Great Horned and Long-eared Owls.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:
☐ — NEW ☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership $25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS
OF THE
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 4
Speaker: Greg Hayward, Department of Zoology, University of Wyoming
Program: "Boreal Owl Ecology: A Wilderness Research Experience"
NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JANUARY 1998

January 3, Saturday (BWB)
Breakfast with the birds, at the Kingery's and Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Gail Evans
0800-1200. 17 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Cloudy, wind southeast to northwest 3-5 mph, 30-36°F.
Observers: Buzz Schaumberg, Trish Silvestri.
26 species. 222 individuals.

January 4, Sunday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park and Waterton Canyon
Leader: Ira Sanders
0800-1300. 23 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-5 mph, 19-49°F.
Observer: Ernest Roberts.
30 species. 538 individuals.

January 10, Saturday (BOU)
Boulder area
Trip canceled due inclement weather.

January 11, Sunday (SPR)
South Platte River, Riverside Cemetery and Morgan Smith Nature Area
Leader: David Laliberte
0900-1515. 55.1 miles by car. 0.9 miles on foot.
Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind south to west 4-18 mph, 34-49°F.
Observer: Ann Lee.
40 species. 2,075 individuals.

January 17, Saturday (RRP)
Red Rocks Park to include Bear Creek Lake Park and Bear Creek Canyon
Leader: Norm Lewis
0900-1500. 11 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.
Wind west, north 0-30 mph, 30-50°F.
Observers: Burke Angstman, Jean Angstman, Joey Angstman, Timmy Angstman, Liz Bond, Marilyn Brenengan, Vanessa Brenengan, Mary Burger, Ron Carter, Myriam Friggens, Wayne Ivosevic, Rachel Kolokoff, Chris Mendez, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Marilyn Rathman, Frank Rathman, Gene Rutherford, Buzz Schaumberg, Sue Schulman, Steve Sheridan, Barbara Thomas, Amy Young.
30 species. 1,004 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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January 18, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek State Park
Leader: Bob Brown
0800-1245. 8.5 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 7-10 mph, 30-45°F.
Observers: Lea Ann Brown, Warren Finch, Peter Spanberger.
31 species. 635 individuals.

January 24, Saturday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Ed Holub
0745-1355. 24 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy, wind south 0-3 mph, 20-48°F.
Observers: Diane Buell, David Laliberte, Charlotte Ossman, Michael Pitsker, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Judy Sholl, Bob Wing, Ru Wing.
33 species. 1,542 individuals.

January 25, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Mort Staatz
0830-1200. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 40-50°F.
Observers: Kathy Emmzck, Myriam Friggins, Jim Geher, Ivan Getting, Ann Lee, Betty Minges, Marcia Sullivan.
26 species. 845 individuals.

January 31, Saturday **(F&M)**
Foothills and mountains
Leader: Warren Finch
0645-1530. 140 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy, snowing, fog, brief sunshine, wind north 0-5 mph, 35-39°F.
Observers: Bob Domagalski, Patty Echelmeyer, Joey Kellner, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Steve Sheridan, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz.
29 species. 647 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 6, Tuesday
Trip canceled due inclement weather.

January 13, Tuesday **(BCL)**
Bear Creek Lake Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers.
0900-1130. 9 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 5-8 mph, 23-40°F.
21 species. 368 individuals.

January 20, Tuesday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks and Morrison Parks
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.
0900-1230. 5.0 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 5-45 mph, 37-45°F.
18 species. 238 individuals.

January 27, Tuesday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.
0900-1245. 10 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 0-5 mph, 42-58°F.
25 species. 303 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING CLASSES/EVENTS

Birdwatching 101. Boulder Bird Club, Instructor, Suzi Plooster, 494-6708. Thursday, March 12, 6:45-8:45 p.m. at the Meadows Branch Boulder Library.

Bird Conservation Lecture Series. Colorado Bird Observatory, 659-4348. All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Thornton Civic Center. March 27, Dr. Fritz Knopf, "Declining Grassland Birds; the case of the Mountain Plover". April 17, Dr. Craig Benkman, "Why are there so many Species of Crossbills, and what threatens them?" May 1, Dr. Richard Beidleman, "Birders on the western frontier: From Steller to Aiken".

Tina Jones Class. March 26, April 2 and April 9: "Landscaping for songbirds, plus precise nest box dimensions, ethical bird feeding and predator proofing your yard for birds". Call Tina Jones at 794-2647 for class details.

DFO WEB SITE

Denver Field Ornithologists now how an active Internet web page. The address of the sight is http://members.aol.com/dfobirders/index/html.

Thanks to Dave Quesenberry for constructing, managing and maintaining our new web page.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

Mary Jane Black, Nancy W. Boggess, Edward and Susan Bowditch, Dan and Renee Brachear, Dan Bridges, Robert and Lea Ann Brown, Alfred Clebsch, Warren Finch, Mrs. B.B. Hahn, Tina Jones, Judy Lane and Glen Meyers, John and Elissa McAlear, Martha McCauley, Larry Modesitt, Janice and Chuck Mowry, Vivian Pliler, Arlene Raskin, J.O. and Eva Scott, Ann Southcott, Mort Staatz, Linda Vidal.

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Species	3 BWB	4 CSP	11 SPR	17 RRP	18 CCR	24 RMA	25 WRG	31 F&M	13 BCL	20 RRP	27 CSP
Pied-billed Grebe			2		1	1					
Great Blue Heron			1								
Canada Goose	4	300	729	700	300	750	320		220		100
Green-winged Teal			61		12	1					5
Mallard	4	45	98	11	25	6	124		5		7
Northern Pintail		2	24		1						
Northern Shoveler		7	131		2		112				12
Gadwall		1	86			10					45
American Wigeon			10			5	20				
Canvasback			10				3				
Redhead			1am			30	4				
Ring-necked Duck			28			25	5				
Greater Scaup							1				
Lesser Scaup			34				12				
Common Goldeneye		4	103	12	6	1	7		10		8
Bufflehead		4	19								
Hooded Merganser			8				11				
Common Merganser			30	10	25	15	4		4		
Red-breasted Merganser							7				
Bald Eagle		1	2a1i	1a	4	22			2		
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1	
Red-tailed Hawk				1	3				2		2
Western races	1		9	3		8					
"Harlan's" race				1					1		
Ferruginous Hawk			3			1			1		
Rough-legged Hawk	1			1							
Buteo species		2									
Golden Eagle				1i		2		2	1		
American Kestrel	3	1	1		2	2			4	1	3
Prairie Falcon									1		1
Ring-necked Pheasant					2	1					1
Wild Turkey								54			
American Coot		2	15		15	12	120				
Killdeer			3								
Ring-billed Gull		12	131	7	22	3	31		1		5
Herring Gull		2	7								
Rock Dove	4	20	20	15	28	25		5	17	20	6
Great Horned Owl					1	5					2
Belted Kingfisher		3	3h	1	1				1		2
Downy Woodpecker				1		4	1		3		1
"Rocky Mountain" race								2			
Eastern races	1	1									
Hairy Woodpecker											
"Rocky Mountain" race								5			
Northern Flicker				1	6				1	1	2
"Red-shafted" race	2	2	3			6	8				
Horned Lark		25									
Steller's Jay								30			

Species	3 BWB	4 CSP	11 SPR	17 RRP	18 CCR	24 RMA	25 WRG	31 F&M	13 BCL	20 RRP	27 CSP
Blue Jay	1										
Western Scrub-Jay	6	1		3						12	
Clark's Nutcracker								2			
Black-billed Magpie	8	30	56	15	18	35	16	5	20	3	24
American Crow	4	10	1	1	4	1	3	225	1	2	30
Common Raven	2	6						3			1
Black-capped Chickadee	13	8	3	13	5	5	9	3	10	9	15
Mountain Chickadee								20			
Red-breasted Nuthatch								7			
White-breasted Nuthatch	1							1			
Pygmy Nuthatch								5			
Brown Creeper		1						4			
American Dipper				1						1	
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2		2				3		1	
American Robin	45	1		75	12	35	2	3		70	
Cedar Waxwing										27	
Northern Shrike	2				1						
European Starling	2	1	360	50	40	250	5	5	40	5	6
Spotted Towhee	1	4		1						1	
American Tree Sparrow	2			20	12	70			20		16
Fox Sparrow				1						1	
Song Sparrow	2	8	5	4	5	5				2	1
White-crowned Sparrow			3i								
Dark-eyed Junco			1		1					5	3
"White-winged" race	4			1		1		2			
"Slate-colored" race	2	5		5				3		5	
"Oregon" race	7	2		2		2		2			
"Pink-sided" race	10	15		10		3		2		10	
"Gray-headed" race	15	8		10						5	
Red-winged Blackbird		2	39		55		4				
Western Meadowlark			2						3		
Brewer's Blackbird			1								
Common Grackle								2			
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch								75			
"Hepburn's" race								3			
Black Rosy-Finch								2			
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch								3			
Pine Grosbeak								1			
Cassin's Finch								60			
House Finch	15		13	20	5	180	4	3		36	3
Pine Siskin	50			1				100			
American Goldfinch				2	1	5	11	5			
House Sparrow	8		18	1	10	15	1				
TOTAL SPECIES	26	30	40	30	31	33	26	29	21	18	25
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	222	538	2075	1004	635	1542	845	647	368	238	303

NEW ADDRESS P.O.Box 534, Franktown CO 80116 (814-2723)

January 16, 1998

TO: Urban Christmas Count participants

Our tenth Denver Urban count came in on average! We had 78 species (average 78) and 31,526 individual birds (94% of the average, 33,186). The count recorded four new species: Horned Grebe and Oldsquaw at Cherry Creek Reservoir, Greater Scaup on the river, and Steller's Jay in a Park Hill yard.

Of more interest, though, are the totals for the common city birds. This fall we have heard lots of complaints that "no birds come to my feeders." Our CBC totals support the complaint. The 932 House Finches were only 52% of average, and of the 932, Rocky Mountain Arsenal had 224 (24%) and feeders had 294 (32%). Last year, the count had 2456 finches, the Arsenal had 375 (15%), and feeders had 890 (36%). The culprit is either summer salmonella poisoning at feeders or the October blizzard.

We had 4230 starlings, our lowest count ever and 78% of average, and 1327 Rock Doves, 65% of average (second lowest). Juncos dropped to 60% of average--270 vs. 453, and Red-wings dropped way way down. We counted only 69 robins (22%); this year they stayed in the foothills (we have a flock of 400 around our new home in Franktown). BUT: we counted 685 crows, up 71%, and 88 goldfinches, up 179% from average.

The Arsenal has a record number of roosting eagles: the roost count on January 1 reached 58! They boosted the eagle count to twice the previous high. Most of the eagles have taken to roosting between the lakes instead of along First Creek in front of the eagle-watching blind. Arsenal personnel suggest that they moved because of DIA airplane disturbance in previous years, found the place congenial, and haven't moved back. We counted six Prairie Falcons--three times the average, and a count high of 48 Red-tails, but Ferruginousa and Rough-legs dropped to half of average, repeating a pattern of the last few years.

Here's the list of the most common birds on the count this year; the top six comprised 76% of the birds we saw. The numbers in parenthesis show the order according to the nine-year average.

1 (1)	Canada Goose	13,218	6 (9)	Magpie	1,087
2 (2)	Starling	4,230	7 (8)	Shoveler	979
3 (3)	Mallard	2,422	8 (6)	House Finch	932
4 (5)	House Sparrow	1,845	9 (7)	Ring-billed Gull	696
5 (4)	Rock Dove	1,327	10 (12)	Crow	685

Fairmont Cemetery (Ann Bonnell and the Tuesday Birders) had the most birds, with South Platte South (Harold and Betty Oliver, leaders) next, and followed by South Platte North (Dick Schottler leader) and Park Hill (Karleen Schofield) with similar totals. If you take out geese, Mary Patterson's Zoo count comes out on top because she saw so many Mallards. . .

After the count we enjoyed a fine pot luck at Liz and Lynn Willcocksons' which featured home-made chili by Betty and Harold Oliver. Plan to join us again next year.

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1998 COUNT

URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jan 1 1998	TOTAL	SPSo	SPNo	Meth	RMA	Aaron	Bckl	CCRc	Creek	Frnt	S/Hmp	N/Tlc	Zoo	PkHl	DCC	Fdr
TOTAL	31256	3099	2326	1395	2103	2420	265	2055	1170	3727	1773	1574	3380	3048	342	2579
Horned Grebe	1							1								
Pied-bld Grebe	2		2													0
Great Blue Heron	7	4	1			2										0
Bl-cr Night Heron	12	7	2						1							2
White-fronted Goose	3										2			1		0
Snow Goose	2					1				1						0
Canada Goose	13218	1543	300	129	372	1561	33	1000	450	2500	1103	655	820	2060	101	591
Wood Duck	25										7		18			0
Grn-wg Teal	353	69	90			41		126		26	1					0
Mallard	2422	155	170	6	26	146		99	109	190	53	108	1010	220	119	11
Pintail	62	4	50										4	2		2
Shoveler	979	573	325			4		8	1		2		13	1	38	14
Gadwall	509	340	140		9	8		12								0
Am. Wigeon	335	48	75		100	44			2	60	2			4		0
Canvasback	1		1													0
Redhead	46		14		30	2										0
Ring-nck Duck	261	6	70		180	4								1		0
Lesser Scaup	13		6		2	4				1						0
Greater Scaup	1		1													
Oldsquaw	1							1								
Com. Goldeneye	219	91	45			2		71					2	7		1
Barrow's Goldeneye	3	2	1													0
Bufflehead	5	3	2													0
Hooded Merganser	28	11	6					11								0
Com. Merganser	237	12	3		1			205					5	11		0
Bald Eagle	69			5	58			6								0
Adult	0			[3]	[14]			[4]								0
Immature	0			[2]	[15]			[2]								0
Northern Harrier	4			1	2											1
Sharp-shin Hawk	6			1		1			1	2				1		0
Cooper's Hawk	4										1				2	1
Red-tailed Hawk	48			7	16	5	9	2		2	2	4				1
Ferruginous Hawk	16			2	2	4	8									0
Rgh-legged Hawk	5			1	2		1		1							0
Buteo (sp.)	1															1
Am. Kestrel	33		5	4	3	1	2	1	3	8	2	2				2
Merlin	1											1				0
Prairie Falcon	6		1	1	3		1									0
Peregrine Falcon	1		1													0
R-N Pheasant	13				1			12								0
Virginia Rail	5							4			1					0
Am. Coot	122	1	4		90	1		25			1					0
Killdeer	5		5													0
Com. Snipe	1									1						0
Ring-billed Gull	696	72	110	6	21	45		90	90	44	1	50	25	102	28	12
California Gull	2	2														0
Herring Gull	15							10					3	2		0
Gull sp.	16									16						0
Rock Dove	1327	83	125	329		42	32	44	88	122	16	20	172	63	7	184
E. Screech-owl	2												1			1
Great Horned Owl	7				5	1										1
Long-eared Owl	5				5											0
Belt. Kingfisher	25	3	6			2		1	9	1	1			1		1
Downy Woodpecker	21				3	5		2	1	2	1	1		3		3
Hairy Woodpecker	3								1	1		1				0
N. Flicker	214	2	8	6	21	18		13	21	16	11	26	7	9	8	48
Horned Lark	1					1										0
Blue Jay	43			4	3	6			1		4					25
Steller's Jay	1													1		
Magpie	1087	7	38	112	336	57	63	50	33	135	16	55	23	65	4	93
Crow	685	30	24	10		13		9	79	92	83	48	13	69	8	205
Bl-cap Chickadee	144	1	10	2	5	7		15	14	4	9	22	3	7	9	36
Mtn. Chickadee	8									7						1
Reb-br Nuthatch	9									4				1	2	2
White-br Nuthtch	2					2										0
Brown Creeper	5									3		1		1		0
Townsend's Solitaire	3				2					1						0
Am. Robin	69			3	11	9			1	6	13	1		7		18
N. Shrike	2			1				1								0
Starling	4230	18	600	425	330	174	68	120	175	353	362	249	850	209	14	283
Am. Tree Sparrow	166		3	15	75	36	5	20	12							0
Song Sparrow	48		11	8	11	3	3	6	1	1	3	1				0
White-cr Sparrow	23		20			1		2								0
Harris Sparrow	1				1											0
Dark-eyed Junco	107		8		43	1				25			28			2
White-winged	3				2											1
Slate-colored	41		1		10	7		1	4		2	1		3		12
Oregon	50				1				12	8	8	5		4	2	10
Pink-sided	61		3		24	6	1	6	8	4				2		7
Gray-headed	8					1								5		2
Red-wg. Blackbrd	113		16	6	26	3		33		5	16					6
W. Meadowlark	62			5	33		18	6								0
Common Grackle	1															1
House Finch	932		16	37	224	43	8	31	16	11	21	171	40	20		294
Am. Goldfinch	88		3		2	50	5	1	4	6	3			1		13
House Sparrow	1845	12	4	269	12	56	8	8	32	69	26	152	341	165		691

			URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT								1989-1995	
CBC YEAR	% of	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	Average
DATE OF COUNT	10-yr ave	1/1/98	1/1/97	1/1/96	1/1/95	1/1/94	1/1/93	1/1/92	1/1/91	12/30/89	1/2/89	1988-96
# SPECIES	100 %	78	85	79	77	81	84	77	73	70	79	78
TOTAL	94 %	31256	36567	29480	36655	30107	31849	36521	36385	23948	37164	33186
Pied-bld Grebe	150 %	2	1	2			4	2		1	2	1
Horned Grebe		1										0
Western Grebe					1							0
White Pelican							1					0
Dbl-cr Cormorant				1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Great Blue Heron	154 %	7	4	2	8	3	7	3	1	9	4	5
Bl-cr Night Heron	161 %	12	10	6	10	3	8	5	5	10	10	7
White-fronted Goo	675 %	3	1	1					2			0
Snow Goose	257 %	2	2	2	1	1	1					1
Ross' Goose				1								0
Canada Goose	120 %	13218	12022	13223	14891	10353	8286	10367	12592	4042	13752	11659
Wood Duck	99 %	25	38	19	25	30	49	21	14	18	13	25
Grn-wg Teal	131 %	353	267	418	150	376	400	224	140	224	226	269
Mallard	106 %	2422	2501	1945	2806	2217	1627	2860	2190	1693	2720	2284
Pintail	59 %	62	56	159	53	105	122	61	37	322	33	105
Shoveler	78 %	979	1349	1292	1909	881	1529	885	1883	734	796	1251
Gadwall	125 %	509	490	824	236	623	502	383	215	189	206	408
Am. Wigeon	115 %	335	236	211	219	321	441	430	284	223	263	292
Canvasback	24 %	1	11	1	3	1	3	2	6	8	1	4
Redhead	188 %	46	22	56	18	12	46	41	14	10	1	24
Ring-nck Duck	128 %	261	173	44	189	193	389	99	513	213	27	204
Greater Scaup		1										
Lesser Scaup	75 %	13	12	8	5	11	1	4	56	11	49	17
Oldsquaw		1										
Com. Goldeneye	88 %	219	242	230	183	135	261	215	452	216	302	248
Barrow's Goldeney	675 %	3	1	3								0
Bufflehead	37 %	5	10	5	26	19	27	11	9	4	10	13
Hooded Merganser	109 %	28	55	27	26	14	25	21	28	10	26	26
Com. Merganser	87 %	237	123	321	309	36	72	355	32	863	331	271
Red-breastd Merg				2	5		5			4		2
Duck (sp)				38	5		2			31		8
Bald Eagle	261 %	69	30	22	20	25	18	34	28	31	30	26
Adult			[16]	[5]	[8]	[16]	[10]	[11]	[17]	[1]	[11]	0
Immature			[13]	[17]	[12]	[9]	[8]	[23]	[11]	[1]	[19]	0
Northern Harrier	59 %	4	8	4	5	10	3	1	7	7	16	7
Sharp-shin Hawk	66 %	6	13	8	11	6	13	7	11	6	7	9
Cooper's Hawk	450 %	4	3		1	1	1		1	1		1
N. Goshawk								1				0
Accipiter (sp.)						1	1					0
Red-tailed Hawk	146 %	48	39	24	41	42	28	23	28	24	47	33
Harlan's				1				1		2		0
Ferruginous Hawk	43 %	16	12	7	20	33	35	27	61	48	93	37
Rgh-legged Hawk	48 %	5	7	1	6	7	8	8	10	25	21	10
Buteo (sp.)	41 %	1	4	1	2	1	2	8	1	1	2	2
Golden Eagle			2		3	7			3	1	16	4
Am. Kestrel	118 %	33	30	16	30	27	27	30	38	18	35	28
Merlin	56 %	1	3		1	1	2	1	1	4	3	2
Peregrine Falcon	900 %	1	1									0
Prairie Falcon	300 %	6	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	2	2
Falcon (sp)						1			1			0
Chukar								8				1
R-N Pheasant	44 %	13	7	19	8	32	27	38	7	17	108	29
Bob-white								28			17	5
Virginia Rail	73 %	5	14	10	9	11	3	10	1		4	7
Am. Coot	290 %	122	109	49	163	7	9	4	17	12	8	42
Killdeer	19 %	5	23	30	42	25	26	24	13	17	34	26
Dunlin					5		1					1
Com. Snipe	12 %	1	5	6		1	4	15	13	18	15	9
Ring-billed Gull	52 %	696	855	1026	2258	1455	855	1166	1390	638	2373	1335
California Gull	200 %	2	1	3	2	1		1			1	1
Herring Gull	36 %	15	7	18	59	25	65	80	37	47	38	42
Thayer's Gull							1		1			0
Lsr Black-bk Gull						1						0
Glaucous Gull							1	1				0
Gull sp.	92 %	16	8	78	11	6	12	3	19		20	17
Rock Dove	65 %	1327	1661	1232	2199	1923	2424	2303	1750	2257	2695	2049
Mourning Dove			19	8	8	17	16		1			8
Barn Owl			1									0
E. Screech-owl	225 %	2	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	1
Great Horned Owl	48 %	7	21	11	14	8	10	7	13	21	26	15
Long-eared Owl	132 %	5	4		3	13	7		4		3	4
Short-eared Owl				1							1	0
Belt. Kingfisher	137 %	25	26	19	19	22	15	14	12	10	27	18
Red-bellied Woodpckr								1				0
Yellow-bell Sapsckr				1		1						0
Downy Woodpecker	70 %	21	23	19	28	37	47	30	27	37	23	30
Hairy Woodpecker	300 %	3	2			2	2		2		1	1
N. Flicker	112 %	214	250	114	133	175	213	202	229	171	226	190
N. Flicker (Yel-sh)						1			1			0

TEN-YEAR SUMMARY

119 SPECIES

CBC YEAR DATE OF COUNT	% of 10-yr ave	1997 1/1/98	1996 1/1/97	1995 1/1/96	1994 1/1/95	1993 1/1/94	1992 1/1/93	1991 1/1/92	1990 1/1/91	1989 12/30/8	1988 1/2/89	Average 1988-96
Horned Lark	0 %	1	45	81	281	123	369	428	406	89	167	221
Steller's Jay		1										
Blue Jay	122 %	43	42	40	32	40	39	30	22	46	25	35
Scrub Jay					2					1		0
Magpie	124 %	1087	997	574	710	849	1196	882	1060	814	821	878
Crow	171 %	685	672	271	457	420	426	412	323	285	347	401
Raven						2	1			1	2	1
Bl-cap Chickadee	97 %	144	231	122	100	206	185	98	130	147	112	148
Mtn. Chickadee	89 %	8	22	11	6	2		4	3	27	6	9
Bushtit			1	0	5					2		1
Reb-br Nuthatch	71 %	9	32	3	15	4	30	20		5	5	13
White-br Nuthatch	120 %	2	2	3		4		3			3	2
Brown Creeper	43 %	5	18	6	3	9	15	27	3	17	7	12
Winter Wren									1			0
Marsh Wren			1	1	1	1	1				1	1
Am. Dipper									4	1	1	1
Golden-cr Kinglet				5		12	7	4	5			4
Ruby-cr Kinglet			1				1	2				0
Townsend's Solitai	40 %	3	20	1	9	9	3	13	11	2		8
Am. Robin	22 %	69	295	121	41	396	243	377	371	237	675	317
Brown Thrasher						1						0
Gray Catbird					1							0
Sage Thrasher											1	0
American Pipit				1			1	5			2	1
Cedar Waxwing			13			4	20	50	30			13
N. Shrike	72 %	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	7	3
Starling	78 %	4230	7163	3399	5231	4296	5656	8202	5380	3702	5682	5435
Yel-rmp Warbler			1							1	2	0
N. Cardinal			1									0
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	1	1	1	1	2				1
Am. Tree Sparrow	100 %	166	77	193	106	80	159	231	181	281	186	166
Field Sparrow											1	0
Song Sparrow	57 %	48	77	90	120	85	86	141	63	51	42	84
Swamp Sparrow				2				0			1	0
White-cr Sparrow	36 %	23	36	64	35	67	133	65	64	62	43	63
Harris Sparrow	0 %	1		1			2					0
Junco (all forms)	60 %	[270]										[453]
Junco (spec.)	95 %	107	52	65	66	84	222	89	197	15	222	112
White-winged	117 %	3	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Slate-colored	73 %	41	53	27	34	51	33	58	46	158	48	56
Oregon	29 %	50	166	95	100	97	209	201	145	381	168	174
Pink-sided	63 %	61	104	72	42	96	297	187	80			98
Gray-headed	79 %	8	5	4	15	8	17	11	8	16	7	10
Red-wg. Blackbrd	25 %	113	568	224	104	240	360	369	775	1038	412	454
W. Meadowlark	138 %	62	63	4	24	15	23	85	14	52	124	45
Brewer's Blackbrd			65	1	8	40	31	27	9	75	25	31
Rusty Blackbird					1							0
Common Grackle		1	1				1	1	1			0
Cassin's Finch							1					0
House Finch	52 %	932	2249	1330	1416	1996	2262	1998	2128	1551	1304	1804
Red Crossbill			37									4
Pine Siskin			35			6	24	2		4	3	8
Am. Goldfinch	279 %	88	32	13	9	32	36	42	22	49	47	32
Evening Grosbeak							36				2	4
House Sparrow	92 %	1845	2456	1077	1493	1567	2034	2385	2498	2583	1998	2010

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JANUARY, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	1/11	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
Common Loon	1/1-27	4	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Clark's Grebe	1/1	2	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering
	1/1-27	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Tundra Swan	1/1	1	Little Gaynor Lake	Boulder	Tony Leukering
Trumpeter Swan	1/1	1	Little Gaynor Lake	Boulder	Tony Leukering
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/11	9	Valco Pond, Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
American Black Duck	1/25	1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Greater Scaup	1/1	2	Vineland Fire Department Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	1/1-4	1m	Prospect Park	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, mo
	1/4	1m	Mt. Olivet Cemetery	Jefferson	Tony Leukering
	1/24	6	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Oldsquaw	1/1	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, mo
	1/1-27	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/4-27	2f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Ruddy Duck	1/22	99	Hamilton Reservoir	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Jeff Schultz
Northern Goshawk	1/1	1a	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Red-Shouldered Hawk	1/15	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Leon Bright, Tom Hablitzel, Rachel Kolokoff
Gyrfalcon	1/24	1	Hamilton Reservoir vicinity	Larimer	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, mo
	1/31	1i	Hamilton Reservoir vicinity	Larimer	Brandon Percival, mo
Thayer's Gull	1/11-27	3wa, 2fw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
	1/24	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Jeff Schultz
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/17-25	1wa	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan, mo
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1-24	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	1/7-18	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1/1	6	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Western Screech-Owl	1/1	1h	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	1/3	2h	3R Rd. and Old Ham Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Long-eared Owl	1/1	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/3	2h	3R Rd. and CO 78	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/10	1m	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Sherry Chapman, Mookie McKim
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/10-15	1if	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Pinyon Jay	1/11	50	Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Chihuahuan Raven	1/20	1c	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Juniper Titmouse	1/11	1	Temple Canyon Park	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
American Dipper	1/12	1	Westminster	Adams	Dean Hill, Mona Hill
Eastern Bluebird	1/1-24	6-16	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Varied Thrush	1/12	1	CSU Nursery, Ft. Collins	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
Sage Thrasher	1/11	1	Temple Canyon	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
	1/18-19	4	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson, mo
American Pipit	1/4-15	12	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Yellow Warbler	1/27	1if	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering, fide
Pine Warbler	1/4-27	1im	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Palm Warbler	1/2-21	2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Wilson's Warbler	1/4-7	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Northern Cardinal	1/10	2m	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Sherry Chapman, Mookie McKim
Swamp Sparrow	1/10-11	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
White-throated Sparrow	1/1	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Harris' Sparrow	1/3	1i	Beulah	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
	1/10	1a	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Sherry Chapman, Mookie McKim
	1/10-27	4i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1/1	2f	Southeast of Lochbuie	Adams	Tony Leukering
Rusty Blackbird	1/1-27	if	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering
	1/2-27	8	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Great-tailed Grackle	1/1	242	US 50 near Nepesta	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Common Grackle	1/10	1m	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering
Black Rosy-Finch	1/31	1	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Brandon Percival, mo
Purple Finch	1/17	1im	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, mo

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Steve Radecki and Ann Donoghue	150 N. County Rd. 3, Fort Collins, 80524	482-2044
Nell Swiers	460 W. 4th Ave., Denver, 80223	722-5922

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

March 1, Sunday **(WCC)**
West Chicago Creek and Idaho Springs
Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372
Meet at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the southeast corner of W. 6th Ave. and Union Blvd. We will look for rosy finches and other foothill and mountain birds. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

March 7, Saturday **(PUE)**
Pueblo Area
Leader: David Silverman, 719-489-3565
Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 at the K-Mart Caboose in Pueblo at US Hwy. 50 West and Elizabeth. From I-25 exit to US 50 West and go one block west. Easy trail, two to three miles walk. Bring lunch. States Park Pass required.

March 8, Sunday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks Park and other foothills areas
Leader: Dave Quesenberry, 796-7603
Meet at 0800 at the Red Rocks Trading Post parking lot. Will walk two to three miles on moderate trail. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

March 14, Saturday **(NBC)**
North Boulder County
Leader: Raymond Davis, 1-303-823-5332
Meet at 0830 at Stazio Field Softball Park. From northbound US 36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 63rd St. (traffic light). Go north 0.5 miles to parking lot on left. Bring lunch, trip will finish by early afternoon.

March 15, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035
Meet at 0730 at the entrance to Barr Lake State Park. Will walk two to three miles on easy trail. May see resident Bald Eagles and other raptors. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

March 21, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661
Meet at 0800 at the fee station inside west entrance of Chatfield State Park 1.5 miles south of C470 on S. Wadsworth Blvd. Full day trip. Bring Lunch. State Parks Pass required.

March 22, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947
Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake parking lot south of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. Will walk two miles on easy trail. Lunch optional. Joint trip with Denver Audubon Society.

March 25, Wednesday **(BCP)**
Boulder County Ponds and Union Reservoir
Leader: Tina Jones, 794-2647
Meet at 0800 at the Denver Museum of Natural History in the northeast corner of north parking lot at Montview and Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch, trip will finish by early afternoon.

March 28-29, Saturday and Sunday **(MVW)**
Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge
Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, 494-6708
Meet at 0700 Saturday, March 28 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the southwest corner of S. Wadsworth and W. Hampden Ave. (CO 285). Will visit Monte Vista refuge for migrating cranes. Return to Denver by Lathrop State Park. Bring lunch for two days. Dinner on March 28 on your own. Overnight March 28 at Rio Grande Motel in Monte Vista. You must pre-register with leaders.

March 28, Saturday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748
Meet at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife parking lot located at 6060 N. Broadway. Exit 1-25 at 58th Ave. and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Bring lunch.

March 29, Sunday **(PCA)**
Plum Creek area, Sedalia and Daniels Park
Leader: Ben Moore, 861-7777
Meet at 0730 at Albertson's parking lot at the northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Some walking on easy trails. Bring lunch. Carpooling is required.

Trips scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY FEBRUARY 1998

February 1, Sunday (LMC)
Lake McConaughy
Leader: Jackie King
0700-1900. 470 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Fog early, clear in afternoon, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 28-47°F.
Observers: George Cain, Hilda Cain, Meredith Anderson.
29 species. 2,647 individuals.

February 7, Saturday (CRW)
Canon City Riverwalk
Leader: David Pantle
0930-1600. 30 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Overcast, calm, 40-50°F.
Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Tamie Bulow, Marge Burgess, Sherry Chapman, Araceli Cruz, Patty Echelmeyer, Gil Jackson, Jean Jackson, Tina Jones, Angela Komar, Maribel Komar, Nick Komar, Nicky Komar, Alin Morales, Brandon Percival, Dick Pratt, Virginia Rodman, Ira Sanders, Sue Schulman.
58 species. 939 individuals.

February 8, Sunday (LMT)
Longmont area to include Union Reservoir
Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez
0830-1230. 44 miles by car.
Partly Cloudy, wind north to southeast 1-3 mph, 30-55°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggins, Ivan Getting, Gay Waterbury.
30 species. 1,894 individuals.

February 14, Saturday (FEF)
Feeder Frolic
Leader: Bob Spencer
0830-1430. 35 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west 0-10 mph, 28-45°F.
Observers: Lynn Baker, Mike Barber, Rose Barber, Bob Frager, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Rick Harner, Buzz Schaumberg, Ann Southcott, Maria Sullivan.
35 species. 469 individuals.

February 15, Sunday (VDT)
Sixth Annual Valentine's Day Trip, 88th Ave. and South Platte to Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

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Leader: Karleen Schofield
0800-1700. 45 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to overcast, wind north 0-3 mph, 31-47°F.
Observers: Mary Burger, Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, Gregg Goodrich, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Bill Strathearn, Nancy Strathearn, Amy Young.
52 species. 5,172 individuals.

February 21, Saturday (BLL)
Bluff Lake Nature Area, Sand Creek, Coal Creek Park
Leader: David Laliberte
0800-1400. 26.8 miles by car. 1.75 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south, southwest 1 to 9 mph, 32-54°F.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Dan Brachear, Mary Burger, Jim Fischer, Peggy Gonder, Tom Hablitzel, Ellie Jones, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Karleen Schofield, Sue Schulman.
26 species. 216 individuals.

February 22, Sunday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux
0830-1300. 5.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 5 mph, 40-55°F.
Observers: Ursula Barsch, Don Beltz, Virginia Bleck, Ron Carter, Myriam Friggins, Bill Miller, Peter Mulholland, Dave Quesenberry, Toni Rautus, Anne Southcott.
45 species. 1,118 individuals.

February 28, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Ed Holub
0740-1345. 28 miles by foot. 1.2 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 20-38°F.
Observers: Burk Angstman, Jean Angstman, Diane Buell, Terry Flageolle, David Laliberte, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Gretchen Perryman, Dick Pratt, Debbie Sidon, Barbara Thomas.
38 species. 1,122 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 3, Tuesday **(SPP)**
South Platte Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers.
0900-1230. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, calm, 30-40°F.
32 species. 516 individuals.

February 10, Tuesday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Urling Kingery. 50 observers.
1000-1330. 25 miles by bus. 0.75 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 0-5 mph, 35-43°F.
25 species. 359 individuals.

February 17, Tuesday **(PLR)**
Platte River and 88th Ave.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.
0900-1215. 10 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southwest 5-9 mph, 30-40°F.
28 species. 617 individuals.

February 24, Tuesday **(BOU)**
Boulder, Walden Ponds
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0900-1230. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south 3-5 mph, 44-54° F.
35 species. 750 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Webster, Denver Audubon Society Founder passed away January 15 in Denver. Ms. Webster was a retired Aurora science teacher and nationally recognized environmental leader. She served as the Denver Audubon President and was a Board Member Emeritus on the DAS Board of Directors. She was instrumental in the establishement of the Grassland Institute, an annual workshop/course on the shortgrass prairie ecosystem held at the Pawnee National Grassland. Ms. Webster also served on the boards of the Colorado Open Space Council, the Colorado Field Ornithologists and The Colorado Native Plant Society. Ms. Webster was the recipient of numerous environmental awards and honors.

Most recently her efforts were directed toward research and protection for the Mountain Plover.

Contributions may be made to the Denver Audubon Society, Endowment Fund, 3000 S. Jamaica Ct. #100, Aurora, 80014.

CHATFIELD STUDY

DFO member, Joey Kellner, has initiated a study of the bird life at Chatfield State Park and is requesting bird sightings, both past and present, of uncommon or unusual species. Joey will announce a checklist of specific species of interest at the April and May monthly meetings. For more information about the study, call Joey Kellner at 978-1748.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Denver Audubon 30th Anniversary Celebration and silent auction, April 3. John Flicker, President, Speaker. Call 696-0877 for details.

SPECIES	1 LMC	7 CRW	8 LMT	14 FEF	15 VDT	21 BLL	22 WRG	28 RMA	3 SPP	10 RMA	17 PLR	24 BOU
Pied-billed Grebe		2	3		8		1		2		2	2
Double-crested Cormorant					1							
Great Blue Heron	7	3			5	1		1	7			1
Blk-crowned Night-Heron							1					
Tundra Swan			1									
Trumpeter Swan	7		1									
Gtr White-fronted Goose		9					1					
Canada Goose	1570	150	752	70	806	2	600	120	125	40	45	200
Wood Duck				6								
Green-winged Teal		4			48	17	1	2	17	11	12	8
Mallard		200	48	120	82	12	75	45	50	10	6	6
Northern Pintail					30			2			35	
Northern Shoveler			4	50	460		60		11		120	5
Gadwall		6		6	246		12		5	14	10	
American Wigeon		15	76	30	44		20	6				62
Canvasback		3	2	2	10		2	7		8		2
Redhead			79	2	116		30	400		1		115
Ring-necked Duck			88	12	104		25	45		25	23	35
Greater Scaup							1					
Lesser Scaup		1f			52		20	20			6	6
Oldsquaw					3m							
Common Goldeneye	200	7	57		210		50	10	39		2	7
Barrow's Goldeneye					1m		1f					
Bufflehead			2	4	10		10		60			9
Hooded Merganser		8		5			15		12		2	3
Common Merganser	60	2	301		200		1	60	15	41	1	
Red-breasted Merganser	50				2		1		2			
Ruddy Duck												1
Bald Eagle	21	1a	6	1	2a	1a		15	1	6		1i
Northern Harrier	1											1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2										
Cooper's Hawk	1											
Northern Goshawk				1								
Red-tailed Hawk Western races "Kreider's" racee	19	12	7	2	18	3	3	9	3	11	6	2
Ferruginous Hawk	2	2			5	1		2				
Rough-legged Hawk	5	1	2		2			2	1	2		
Buteo species					3						1	
Golden Eagle	2			1				2		2i		1i
American Kestrel	8	1	14	2	11	1	2	2	1	2	4	1
Merlin					1m1i	1						
Prairie Falcon		1							1			1
Ring-necked Pheasant								4		9		
Wild Turkey		22										
Virginia Rail		1										
American Coot	12	60	100	15	166		35	60			28	200

SPECIES	1 LMC	7 CRW	8 LMT	14 FEF	15 VDT	21 BLL	22 WRG	28 RMA	3 SPP	10 RMA	17 PLR	24 BOU
Killdeer					5	2						
Common Snipe					6							
Ring-billed Gull	500		12		80		20	35	6		150	7
Herring Gull	13				12						1	
Gull species										1		
Rock Dove	10	30	28	25	128	25	5	4	5		40	
Mourning Dove		6			1		2		6			
Eastern Screech-Owl							1					
Great Horned Owl					1	2		1		1		1
Belted Kingfisher	1	3			1		2		3		1	1
Downy Woodpecker		2				1	1	2	2		2	2
Eastern races					2							
Hairy Woodpecker		1										
Northern Flicker									6	5	4	4
"Red-shafted" race	2	4	3	3	4	5	8	6				
Horned Lark	35											
Steller's Jay				3								
Blue Jay				4	3		1h					
Western Scrub-Jay		4		5								
Black-billed Magpie	8	12	1	7	44	19	15	30	13	45	20	13
American Crow			1		2	58	6	1				
Common Raven		3		2								3
Black-capped Chickadee		8		13	4	3	7	3	17	12		7
Mountain Chickadee		1										
White-breasted Nuthatch		3										
Brown Creeper							1					
Canyon Wren		1		1								
Bewick's Wren		1										
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3										
Western Bluebird		2										
Mountain Bluebird		9										
Townsend's Solitaire		15		1								
American Robin		25		10	3	1	2	15				1
Northern Shrike		1	1							1		
European Starling	70	50	84	17	1060	22	12	25	7	43	22	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler		12										
Common Yellowthroat		1f										
Spotted Towhee		1		2			1					
Canyon Towhee		3										
American Tree Sparrow	2	12	7		38	12		60		32	15	32
Song Sparrow		4	3		7	6	4	10	7	3	2	5
White-throated Sparrow		1										
White-crowned Sparrow		20			16							
"Gambel's" race							20					
Harris' Sparrow							1					
Dark-eyed Junco						8						
"White-winged" race					1	2						
"Slate-colored" race								5				
"Oregon" race	1	20		5	1			5				
"Pink-sided" race		20		7	4			20				
"Gray-headed" race		10		5				8				
Red-winged Blackbird	24	50	200	3	740	1	12	10	45		35	3

SPECIES	1 LMC	7 CRW	8 LMT	14 FEF	15 VDT	21 BLL	22 WRG	28 RMA	3 SPP	10 RMA	17 PLR	24 BOU
Western Meadowlark	5		5		2	5		20		1	2	
Brewer's Blackbird					38							
House Finch	5	20		12	42	5	10	25	5	33		
Pine Siskin		8										
American Goldfinch		40		6			10	3				
House Sparrow	6	20	6	12	280	2	10	20	5		20	
TOTAL SPECIES	29	58	30	35	52	26	45	38	32	25	28	35
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2647	939	1894	469	5172	216	1118	1122	516	359	617	750

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - FEBRUARY, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	2/2-18	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Clark's Grebe	2/1-8	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Eurasian Wigeon	2/6	1m	Ft. Collins	Larimer	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Joe Himmel
Greater Scaup	2/8	2f	Vineland	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Oldsquaw	2/6	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Greg Butcher
	2/13	3m	88th Ave. and Dahlia St.	Adams	Karleen Schofield, Jim Schofield
Merlin	2/8	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Karleen Schofield
	2/11	1	CO 7 east of Brighton	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	2/20	1	Bromley Lane, east of I-76	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	2/20	1	Rd. 27 west of Nunn	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Spotted Sandpiper	2/8	1	Along Arkansas River at Runyon Lake	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Thayer's Gull	2/1-6	up to 2fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed Gull	2/2-8	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Greater Roadrunner	2/8	1	Red Creek Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Long-eared Owl	2/8	9 or 10	Jackson Lake State Park	Morgan	Karleen Schofield
Short-eared Owl	2/20	1	Wellington SWA	Larimer	Karleen Schofield
Carolina Wren	2/28	1s	1.5 miles west of Olive Marsh parking lot	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Marsh Wren	2/8	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Karleen Schofield
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2/17	2	Pine Valley Ranch Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Eastern Bluebird	2/6	4	Rds. 68 and 15	Larimer	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Joe Himmel
American Pipit	2/1-6	up to 20	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Pine Warbler	2/1-8	1im	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Harris' Sparrow	2/14	3i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	2/28	2i1a	West of Olive Marsh parking lot	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Lapland Longspur	2/20	5	Rds. 100 and 49, Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Rusty Blackbird	2/1-6	up to 5	Valco Pond/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Great-tailed Grackle	2/20	1	I-76 and 144th Ave.	Adams	Karleen Schofield

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

SUMMARY OF 1997 DFO FIELD TRIPS/COUNTS

1997 was a busy year for field trip/count schedulers (Patty Echelmeyer, Jackie King, Lynn Willcockson, Hugh Kingery, and Dick Schottler), leaders, and members. Entries in the year's The Lark Bunting provide the following bits of information. (Included in this data are the January 1, Spring, Fall and Christmas counts.)

An impressive 117 DFO field trips were conducted in 1997. To these trips add another 53 count trips for a total of 170 club outings! Seven other trips were cancelled due to bad weather. Those 170 field trips translated into 191 days in the field with the addition of a number of extended weekend days. DFO is a very active bird club! [Note: 1994 had 140 trips; 1995, 153; 1996, 161 trips.]

74 DFO members shared leadership responsibilities for these many field trips, including our most active leader, Jackie King, who led 10 trips. Of approximately 675 members, 642 lived within 100 miles of Denver and therefore more likely to participate in DFO field trips. Of these 642 members, 292 attended at least one field trip during the year, resulting in a 45% activity rate for this group of members. Of 99 new members for '97, 46 attended at least one field trip = 46%.

Amazingly, 139 guests, many from out-of-state, joined our outings during the year and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about Colorado birds. Our reputation continues to spread!

The most active participant on trips/counts was Richard Mendez with 25 trips, some of which he led. Following close on his heels were George Armbrust, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Karleen Schofield and Mort Staatz, each out on 20 or more occasions.

Impressively, the sightings of 399 species were recorded in the club newsletter.

The breakdown:

293	species found on 117 DFO trips in Colorado
5	additional species found on counts
90	additional species listed under "Additional Reports"
3	species reported by Tuesday birders only
391	species sighted in Colorado
8	additional species reported on DFO trip in New Mexico, NB.
399	total species

Those of you who participated in the weekly scheduled 117 DFO field trips will be interested to know you drove 9,944 miles, walked 258 miles, and spent 975 hours searching for and enjoying birds.

Thanks and appreciation go to the club's many skilled and dedicated volunteers and to the member observers for joining in the fun.

Compiled by Karleen Schofield, coordinator
for Field Trip Schedulers

Karleen Schofield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Caroline H. Coleman	924 Sailors Reef, Ft. Collins, 80525	970-204-9087
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Eric Fontenot	4800 Baseline Wy., #E-104-255, Boulder, 80303	748-7186
Bill Miller	2557 Taft Ct., Lakewood, 80215	233-6523
Brad Parks	2373 Holly St., Denver, 80207	322-1290
Toni Rautus	6468 Simms St., #F, Arvada, 80004	422-7322
Regina Reynolds	11280 W. 20th Ave., #46, Lakewood, 80215-3608	238-5976
Mark Wallace	57 Macon Ct., Aurora, 80010-4641	366-3647

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

April 4, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Ric Olson, 790-7753
Meet at 0800 at Nature Center parking lot inside the park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, April 5 **(NEP)**
Plains northeast of Denver
Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
Meet at 0800 at the Denver Museum of Natural History north parking lot in the northeast corner. **Daylight Savings Time starts today.** Full day trip. Bring lunch.

April 11, Saturday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks Park, Bear Creek Lake Park
Leader: Norm Lewis, 988-5544
Meet at 0700 at the Red Rocks Trading Post for carpooling. Possible early migrants. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Lakewood City Parks Pass needed.

April 12, Easter Sunday, no trip scheduled.

April 13, Monday **(HAW)**
Please note, this is a Monday trip.
Hawkwatch on Dinosaur Ridge
Leader: Tamie Bulow, 462-1238
Meet at 0900 at the hawkwatch. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at the light, under I-70, then left at 2nd turn into parking lot at southeast quadrant of intersection. Be prepared to walk approximately 0.5 miles uphill to the hawkwatch. Birding at Matthews/Winters Park will follow. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

April 18, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Steve Stachowiak, 791-4974
Meet at 0730 at the fee station inside the west entrance of the park, off S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1.5 miles south of C470. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

April 19, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek State Park
Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603
Meet at 0800 at the west entrance east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east on Union Ave. from S. Yosemite. Possible shore birds. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, April 25 **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ron Carter, 584-5996
Meet at 0730 at Prospect Lake south of W. 44th St. near Robb St. Early migrants. Half day trip. Lunch optioanl.

April 26, Sunday **(WCL)**
Weld County lakes and wetlands
Leader: Dick Pratt, 303-651-6860
Meet at 0730 at the Denver Museum of Natural History north parking lot in the northeast corner. Shorebirds. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 6
Speaker: Tony Leukering, Colorado Bird Observatory
Program: "Some Difficult Bird Identifications in Colorado"

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MARCH 1998

March 1, Sunday **(GIS)**
Georgetown, Idaho Springs, Evergreen
Leader: Warren Finch
0800-1300. 100 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 30-45 mph, 15-20°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Rick Harner, Toni Rautus, Pauline Smith, Peter Spanberger, Bob Spencer, Amy Young.
22 species. 266 individuals.

March 7, Saturday **(PUE)**
Pueblo Area
Canceled due inclement weather.

March 8, Sunday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks Park and other foothills areas
Canceled due inclement weather.

March 14, Saturday **(NBC)**
North Boulder County
Leader: Raymond Davis
0830-1530. 60 miles by car. 0.25 miles on foot.
Foggy and cool early to clear and warm late, calm, 31-55°F.
Observers: Barbara Boland, Min Canavan and Min's friend Naomi from Japan, Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Myriam Friggens, Richard Mendez, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Chris Owens, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Gene Rutherford, Steve Sheridan, Mort Staatz, Judy Stepenaskie, Marti Woodford.
51 species. 544 individuals.

March 15, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler
0730-1200. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind east 0-5 mph, 40-55°F.
Observer: Beverlee Guild.
37 species. 1,227 individuals.

March 21, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0800-1630. 10 miles by car. 3.75 miles on foot.
Sunny, wind southeast 0-2 mph, 30-54°F.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Mary C. Burger, Bob Frager, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks,

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Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Peggy Gonder, Claudia Hruby, Ellie Jones, Margi Mills, Kathleen Nelson, Sue Schulman, Debbie Seiden, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Nancy White.
40 species. 497 individuals.

March 22, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer
0830-1200. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, calm, 50-60°F.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Susan Blausett, Addie Cohen, Irv Cohen, Kathy Emmack, Eric Fontenot, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Myriam Friggens, Ivan Getting, Beverlee Guild, Bill Hessler, Marilyn Jarapko, April Keller, Keith Mansfield, Diana Mullineaux, Patti Quitugua, Toni Rautus, Regina Reynolds, Diane Sinnhold, Anne Southcott, Russ Stuska, Sue Stuska, Jean Tarbel.
31 species. 635 individuals.

March 25, Wednesday **(BCP)**
Boulder County Ponds, Union Reservoir, and Southwest Weld Copunty
Leader: David Laliberte
0900-1345. 116.4 miles by car. 0.1 miles on foot. Clear, wind south 13-24 mph, 50-78°F.
Observers: Ruth Bull, Ivan Getting, Ellie Jones, Jean McClenathen, Sue Schulman.
36 species. 2,912 individuals.

March 28-29, Saturday and Sunday **(MVW)**
Monte Vista NWR, Buena Vista Campground, Smith Reservoir and Lathrop State Park
Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster
1000 March 28-1500 March 29. Approx. 60 miles by car. Zero miles on foot.
Cloudy, windy, occasional light snow, wind north and west 20-30 mph, 30-50°F.
Observers: Zachary Boni, Marlene Eggerling, Candice Johnson, Tim Johnson, Karen Kooken, Bette Lamore, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Regina Reynolds, David Rhoades, Sheila Rhoades, Barbara Thomas, Amy Young.
59 species. 15,294 individuals.

March 28, Saturday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Joey Kellner
0630-1730. 350 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Overcast early mostly clear late, wind south 0-19 mph, 48-68°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Brandle, Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Myriam Friggens, Randy Lentz, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz.
61 species. 4,842 individuals.

March 29, Sunday **(DAP)**
Daniels Park and Cherokee Ranch
Leader: Ben Moore
0730-1400. 50 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southwest 0-10 mph, 38-59°F.
Observers: Doris Cruze, Jim Dunlap, Eric Fontenot, Rosella Gilbertson, Tina Jones, Alberta Nelson, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Toni Rautus, Robert Schroeder, Ruby Schroeder, Diane Sinnhold, Peter Spanberger, Will Styler, Nell Swiers.
30 species. 149 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 3, Tuesday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southeast 0-5 mph, 40-55°F.
34 species. 549 individuals.

March 10, Tuesday **(LKT)**
Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Genesee Mountain
Leader: Else Van Erp. 20 observers.
0945-1130. 6 miles by car. 0.75 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south 5-13 mph, 38°F.
14 species. 54 individuals.

March 17, Tuesday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Else Van Erp. 22 observers.
0900-1200. 3 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind north 3-10 mph, 40-50°F.
32 species. 318 individuals.

March 24, Tuesday **(WTC)**
Waterton Canyon
Leader: Else Van Erp. 25 observers.
0900-1300. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southeast 0-10 mph, 60-70°F.
20 species. 58 individuals.

March 31, Tuesday **(OSH)**
Old Stone House (Estes and Yale)
Bear Creek Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northeast 3-9 mph, 36-44°F.
32 species. 249 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING CLASSES/EVENTS

Winging into Spring
Barr Lake State Park
Saturday, May 16, 6:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Celebrate the return of songbirds to Colorado by bringing the whole family to this day-long birding festival! For more information, or to volunteer, please call 659-6005 or 659-4348.

Oaxaca, Mexico trip
Norm Erthal is organizing a trip to Oaxaca for February 1999. For further information contact Norm at 424-6747, or by email at: *dfo@colorado.edu* or *norm.erthal@state.co.us*.

Spring Migration, plains and foothills: Colorado Springs area and south and east of Colorado Springs
For beginners and beyond. Offered through Denver Audubon Society. May 6, introduction. May 10 and 16, field trips. Tina Jones, instructor, 794-2647. To register call Becky Beckers 766-5266. Members $30, non-members $40.

Upcoming Classes and Events continued on page 9.

SPECIES	1 GIS	14 NBC	15 BAR	21 CSP	22 WRG	25 BCP	28-29 MVW	28 NEC	29 DAP	3 WRG	10 LKT	17 CCR	24 WTC	31 OSH
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1	2			2						1	
Horned Grebe				6		2		9						
Eared Grebe						1								
American White Pelican								25						
Double-crested Cormorant			1	1			3							
Great Blue Heron				11		3	2							2
Blk-crowned Night-Heron										5				1
Tundra Swan		1												
Trumpeter Swan		1												
Gtr White-fronted Goose								3						
Snow Goose							15	3128						
Ross' Goose														
Canada Goose		120	140	86	65	42	800	22	2	100		60	4	45
Wood Duck								1m,1f						
Green-winged Teal		6		1	3	3	20	40	2	2				1
Mallard		25	50	14	75	31	800	44	2	50		6	3	24
Northern Pintail		7	1				2000	88						
Blue-winged Teal						1	10							
Cinnamon Teal							40	2m,1f						
Northern Shoveler		4	100		75	10	40	110		70		6		
Gadwall		5	75	14	6	2	100	7	2	12		7		2
American Wigeon		6	30		20		4	10		11		10		2
Canvasback		12	26		4		20	31						
Redhead		24	120	32	54	45	100	9		4		26		4
Ring-necked Duck		10		2	8	3	20	3		18				2
Greater Scaup			1											
Lesser Scaup		20	60	2	31	55	40	340		5				
Common Goldeneye		8	45	9	9	1	4	42		7		4		2
Bufflehead		10	20			17	12	155				4		
Hooded Merganser					4			1m,2f		9				1m,1f
Common Merganser				12		18		6				16		
Red-breasted Merganser						2								
Ruddy Duck		1	10	6		1	30	55						
Bald Eagle		2	2	1a		1a		1a,1i				3a,2i		
Northern Harrier		4	1				12	3m,2f				1		
Cooper's Hawk										1			1	
Red-tailed Hawk				2			16	15	4		3	1	1	1
Western races		14	2			5								
"Harlan's" race		1	1											
Ferruginous Hawk		3		1		1	3							
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1				10	1		1			1	
Golden Eagle		2			1i			1i		1			2	
American Kestrel		9	2			4	8	13	3					3
Prairie Falcon							2							
Ring-necked Pheasant							28	3h				3		
Virginia Rail										1		1		
American Coot		50	75	5	40	8	500	2		25		18		
Sandhill Crane							3000							
Whooping Crane							3							

SPECIES	1 GIS	14 NBC	15 BAR	21 CSP	22 WRG	25 BCP	28-29 MVW	28 NEC	29 DAP	3 WRG	10 LKT	17 CCR	24 WTC	31 OSH
Killdeer		1		1		5	17	11						2
American Avocet							1							
Greater Yellowlegs								1						
Common Snipe									1					
Ring-billed Gull		10	1	24	40	105		245		80		4		2
California Gull												10		
Herring Gull				1		1						22		
Rock Dove		8		7	6	6	80	17	8	1				8
Mourning Dove				1				3		1				
Eastern Screech-Owl					1									
Great Horned Owl				4			3	2				2		1
Belted Kingfisher		4	2	3				2		2			1	1
Lewis' Woodpecker									1					
Red-bellied Woodpecker								1m						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1												
Downy Woodpecker			5		4			1		1	1	1		1m
"Rocky Mountain" race	1													
Eastern races				1				1m						
Hairy Woodpecker											1			
"Rocky Mountain" race		1												
Northern Flicker					34		2		2	13		1	3	20
"Red-shafted" race	1	5	9	6				9						
Say's Phoebe							1							
Horned Lark						1	26	7	5					
Tree Swallow							70							1
Steller's Jay	10								6		4			
Blue Jay		2				1h		5	4					
Western Scrub-Jay							1		5				4	
Pinyon Jay							2							
Clark's Nutcracker	4													
Black-billed Magpie	4	18	17	27	12	4	100	4	10	7	5	12		5
American Crow	45	2		23	1		50	2	4		3	11	2	6
Common Raven	10	3		1			50		4				1	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	8	8	21	15	1h		5	2	18	1	1	3	16
Mountain Chickadee	15										6			
Bushtit							1							
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2										1			
White-breasted Nuthatch				1				1	4		2			
Pygmy Nuthatch	25										20			
Brown Creeper		1			1									
Canyon Wren									1				4	
Marsh Wren							1	1						
American Dipper	2	1											5	
Western Bluebird									6					
Mountain Bluebird		30		23			10		20					
Townsend's Solitaire	2						3			1	2			
American Robin		9	12	14	18	4	50	24	2			25	3	40
Sage Thrasher							6							
American Pipit								14						

	1	14	15	21	22	25	28-29	28	29	3	10	17	24	31
SPECIES	GIS	NBC	BAR	CSP	WRG	BCP	MVW	NEC	DAP	WRG	LKT	CCR	WTC	OSH
European Starling		30	300	87	25	2506	1000	38	8	23		25	7	25
Spotted Towhee					2				1	1			1	1
American Tree Sparrow		2	26	5		5		5				3		
Song Sparrow		1	6	6	23	2	1	12		13		12	5	4
White-crowned Sparrow			1				2							
"Gambel's" race								40						
Harris' Sparrow														
Dark-eyed Junco		4					15		1	3	2	1	6	
"White-winged" race	2													
"Slate-colored" race	5		2					4						
"Oregon" race			2	3				1						
"Pink-sided" race				5				2						
"Gray-headed" race	10			2										
Red-winged Blackbird		20	45	7	35	7	6000	97		25		13		20
Western Meadowlark		12	11	17		6	20	84	4			6		
Brewer's Blackbird								10						
Common Grackle								1						2
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	60													
Black Rosy-Finch	1													
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	4													
Pine Grosbeak	4													
Cassin's Finch	10								1					
House Finch	5	4			13	3	20	2	8	11	3			
Pine Siskin	20						2							
American Goldfinch		16	2h		2		6	6		8				
Evening Grosbeak	20													
House Sparrow		3	14		8	8	110	8	2	19		1		2
TOTAL SPECIES	22	51	37	40	31	36	59	61	30	34	14	32	20	32
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	266	544	1227	497	635	2912	15294	4842	149	549	54	318	58	249

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MARCH, 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	3/20	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Horned Grebe	3/27	1	Harts Basin	Delta	Tony Leukering, mo
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3/2	1i	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman, BB Hahn, Rachel Kolokoff
Yellow-crn. Night-Heron	3/28	1a	Rock Canyon, south side of Arkansas River	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Snow Goose	3/5-6	80M.to 100M	Overhead and in fields	Bent, Kiowa, Prowers	Karleen Schofield
Ross' Goose	3/5	30	Overhead	N. Prowers	Karleen Schofield
Tufted Duck (hybrid)	3/16	1m	74th Ave. pond	Adams	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Dave Silverman, Chris Wood
Greater Scaup	3/5-14	1-2	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	3/27	1am	Harts Basin	Delta	Tony Leukering, mo
	3/28	1f	Vineland Fire Dept. ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/28	2am,2f	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Oldsquaw	3/15	3	88th Ave. at Dahlia St.	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	3/20	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	3/27-30	1f	Fish Hatchery ponds west of Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Barrow's Goldeneye	3/1-21	1am	Silverthorne	Summit	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
	3/15	1m	74th Ave. at the So. Platte River	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	3/16	1m	74th Ave. pond	Adams	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Dave Silverman, Chris Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	3/15	10	88th Ave. at Dahlia St.	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Osprey	3/25	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Goshawk	3/22	1a	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Red-Shouldered Hawk	3/1	1i	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Swainson's Hawk	3/22	1a	Barbour Ponds State Park	Boulder	Sherrie York
"Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk	3/28	6j	Near Lamar	Prowers	Brian Wheeler, mo
Peregrine Falcon	3/30	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Blue Grouse	3/12	1m	Apex Gulch Trail summit	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Wild Turkey	3/17	10	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Chris Blakeslee
Sandhill Crane	3/2	5000	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman, BB Hahn, Rachel Kolokoff
	3/5	7	Queen's Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
	3/5	2000	Fields west of Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Karleen Schofield
	3/28	2100	Near Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Black-necked Stilt	3/26	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American Avocet	3/24	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Greater Yellowlegs	3/26	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Baird's Sandpiper	3/15	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Long-billed Dowitcher	3/24	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Franklin's Gull	3/6	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	3/26	1	Lake Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Franklin's Gull (con't.)	3/27	1a	Delta	Delta	Kim Potter, mo
	3/28	5a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
	3/28	1a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Tony Leukering
	3/28	1a	Near Kit Carson	Kit Carson	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Bonaparte's Gull	3/28	1	Rocky Ford sewage ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/28	1a	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Thayer's Gull	3/9	1fy	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	3/14-28	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	3/28	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3/1-28	up to 4	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, mo
	3/28	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Greater Roadrunner	3/24	1	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Barn Owl	3/28	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/28	1c	Penrose	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Snowy Owl	3/1-28	1a	Rd. SS east of US 285	Prowers	Many observers
Burrowing Owl	3/22	1	Rd. SS east of US 287	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Jim Watts, Rosie Watts
	3/28	6a	Near Lamar	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
	3/29	1a	Near Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Say's Phoebe	3/27	1	Colorado Nat. Monument	Mesa	Tony Leukering
Tree Swallow	3/26	3	Fort Lyon marsh	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/27	12	Confluence Park, Delta	Delta	Tony Leukering, mo
Cliff Swallow	3/28	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Barn Swallow	3/27	2	Confluence Park, Delta	Delta	Tony Leukering, mo
Pinyon Jay	30	3/15	Towards south end of Daniels Park Rd.	Douglas	Bob Brown
Chihuahuan Raven	3/11	2	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bushtit	3/14	2	Dinosaur Ridge at Alameda	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Carolina Wren	3/16-20	1s	1.5 miles west of Olive Marsh parking lot	Pueblo	Brandon Percival,Chris Wood, mo
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3/29	1s	Pueblo State Park	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival
Eastern Bluebird	3/16	9	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/26-28	up to 4	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sage Thrasher	3/27	3	Delta	Delta	Tony Leukering, Rich Levad
Vesper Sparrow	3/26	1	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	3/30	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Lark Bunting	3/6	3	Rd. 17 and Rd. E	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
White-throated Sparrow	3/20	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, mo
Harris' Sparrow	3/16	1i	West of Olive Marsh	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Lapland Longspur	3/2	1	Rd. SS east of US 287	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-collared Longspur	3/22	1am	Rd. SS east of US 287	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Jim Watts, Rosie Watts
Common Grackle	3/2-28	1m,1f	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering
Brown-headed Cowbird	3/28	1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Prowers	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede
Black Rosy-Finch	3/28	1if	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering, Peter Gaede

a adult, i immature, j juvenile, fy first year, fw first winter, m. male, f female, c calling, s singing

"Classes" continued from page 3.

Colorado bird nesting and viewing cavity nests ethically
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Plantings to attract songbirds to your yard and habitat creation
May 5, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tina Jones, instructor, 794-2647. Fee required. Hudson Gardens on So. Santa Fe. Call the Gardens to register 797-8565.

Hummingbird gardening
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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

May 2, Saturday **CCI)**
Canon City Riverwalk
Leader: David Pantle, 719-275-8208
Meet local coordinator, Sherry Chapman, 699-1351, at 0700 in Albertson's parking lot at So. Yosemite and Arapahoe, one block west of I-25. Meet leader at his home at 0900. Spend the day on the river looking for Gray Flycatcher and Black-chinned Hummingbird. Bring lunch. Please call coordinator to arrange carpooling.

May 3, Sunday **(SBT)**
Stapleton Braille Trail near Chief Hosa
Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072
Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the west side of Ward Rd., just north of I-70. This trail has been restored as an interpretive trail for the normally sighted, visually impaired and blind. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders. Bring lunch. Group may go to Chief Hosa after lunch.

May 9, Saturday **(PNG)**
Pawnee National Grassland
Leader: Kathy Hawkins, 969-8909
Meet leader at 0630 at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural

History at Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Expect to see returning grassland birds as well as migrants. Bring lunch and extra water.

May 9, Saturday (LNG)
Longmont Area to include Union Reservoir
Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 1-303-772-6048
Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO-119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to park on the left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders.Half day trip. Lunch optional.

May 10, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Ira Sanders, 278-7172
Meet leader at Barr Lake Nature Center at 0730. Take I-76 to Bromley Lane. Go east to Piccadilly Rd. and drive south to the park entrance. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

May 16 and 17, Spring Count

May 23, Saturday (RIG)
Rigli Ranch
Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-432-5200
Meet local coordinator, Meredith Anderson, 355-7736, at 0630 at the Denver Museum of Natural History, or join group at 0715 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). From Hudson go east on CO-52 until it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F to CR-14, then turn north about one mile to the first house on the left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water. Contact local coordinator to facilitate carpooling.

May 24, Sunday (CSA)
Colorado Springs Area to include Colo. Spgs. SWA, Hannah Ranch and Big Johnson Reservoir
Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
Meet leader at 0600 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Hope to see migrant warblers, some raptors, Curve-billed Thrasher, chat, Green Heron and rails. Bring lunch and be prepared to stay all day. Trip will return to Museum after sunset.

May 25, Monday Memorial Day (TWP)
Two Ponds NWR and Standley Lake
Leader: David Rhoades, 424-8633
Meet at 0800 at the northwest corner of the Target parking lot on the southwest corner of W. 80th Ave. and N. Wadsworth Blvd. Trip is especially good for new members and novice birders. Half day trip, lunch optional.

May 23-25, Saturday-Monday (CRL)
Crescent Lake Wildlife Area, Nebraska
Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch for all three days. Sunday breakfast will be at a convenience store that has a microwave. Monday breakfast will be at a restaurant. Nebraska State Parks Pass required. We will stay Saturday night at the Shady Rest Motel in Oshgosh, 308-772-4115, single $26, double $32, plus tax. We will stay Sunday night at McCarroll's Motel in Alliance, 308-762-3680, single $34, double $38, plus tax. We will stop at Tamarack Ranch, Prewitt Reservoir and Ash Hollow State Park on Saturday. Sunday will be spent at Crescent Lake which is known for nesting shorebirds and waterfowl. Monday we will bird at the North Platte NWR near Scottsbluff. Come prepared for rain and wind. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are recommended. We plan to return to Denver by 1900 Monday night. Call leader to arrange carpooling.

May 27, Wednesday (PRP)
Parker Regional Park
Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231
Meet leader at 0700 in park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker go 1.2 miles south on Parker Rd. (CO-83). Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Bring lunch.

May 30, Saturday (SWS)
Southwest Suburban to include Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Louviers, Plum Creek and Daniels Park
Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000
Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Bring lunch.

May 31, Sunday **(FVT)**
Flatirons Vista and Mesa Trails, Boulder
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661
Meet leader at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union RTD Park-n-Ride at 0630. Plan to walk three plus miles on scenic trails looking for foothill nesters. There is very little shade. We will be walking downhill most of the way on the Flatirons Vista Trail, The Mesa Trail is a gentle uphill trail.

Trips scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644

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May 13, Wednesday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4347
Call leader for time Meet at west entrance to the park east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east on Union Ave. from So. Yosemite. State Parks Pass required.

May 16, Saturday **(WTR)**
Waterton Canyon
Leader: Hugh Kingery, 814-2723
Meet at 0600 at Waterton Bridge.

May 16, Saturday **(LBC)**
Lower Bear Creek
Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682
Meet at 0630 at southwest corner of Bear Valley Shopping Center behind Conoco station. Bear Valley Shopping Center is on the east side of So. Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Ave. (U.S. 285).

May 16, Saturday **(CHA)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748
Meet at 0600 at swim beach parking lot. State Parks Pass required.

May 17, Sunday **(CSL)**
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381
Meet at 0600 at old entrance to the park. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. Go two miles to old entrance. State Parks Pass required.

May 17, Sunday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leaders: Lynn Willcockson and Urling Kingery, 814-2723
Must register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

May 17, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035
Meet at 0600 at the entrance to the park. This is a ten-mile all-day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

May 17, Sunday **(BLP)**
Barr Lake Periphery
Leader: Jackie King, 278-1644
Meet at 0600 at the intersection of Piccadilly Rd. and Bromley Ln. This does not involve much walking and is suited to people with limited mobility or stamina.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES
The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

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Program: To be announced

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY APRIL 1998

April 4, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Ric Olson
0800-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 30-50°F.
Observers: Myriam Friggens, Beverlee Guild, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Steve Sheridan, Lynn Solomon, Lyle Tompsen, Wendy Tompsen.
52 species. 1,712 individuals.

Sunday, April 5 **(NEP)**
Plains northeast of Denver to include Weld County, Beebe Draw, Klug, Lower Latham, Ireland and Prospect Reservoirs
Leader: David Laliberte
0830-1700. 183.7 miles by car. 0.10 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 1-18 mph, 35-61°F. Observers: Myriam Friggens, Bob Spencer. 50 species. 1,441 individuals.

April 11, Saturday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks Morrison and Bear Creek Lake Parks
Leader: Norm Lewis
0700-1500. 6 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to clear, wind variable 5-20 mph, 50-75°F. Observers: Marilyn Jarapke, Bob Spencer, Amy Young.
35 species. 200 individuals.

April 12, Easter Sunday, no trip scheduled.

April 13, Monday **(HAW)**
Dinosaur Ridge Hawkwatch, Mathews/Winters and Red Rocks Parks
Leader: Tamie Bulow
0900-1430. 2.5 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-15 mph, 40-56°F. Observers: Lou Dittmar, Warren Finch, Molly Fyles, Diana Mullineaux, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Barbara Pesch, Eldon Remy, Bob Spencer. 29 species. 132 individuals.

April 18, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Steve Stachowiak
0730-1230. 7 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Heavy snow early, clearing later, wind northwest 0-15 mph, 31-39°F.
No observers. 67 species. 1,224 individuals.

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April 19, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek State Park
Leader: David Quesenberry
0800-1200. 10 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, calm, 40-60°F.
Observers: John Azua, Ursula Barsch, Beverlee Guild, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Sylvia Lewis, Richard Mendez, Ric Olson, Chris Owens, Nancy Quesenberry, Toni Rautus, Lynn Solomon.
58 species. 1,200 individuals.

Saturday, April 25 **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ron Carter
0700-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Rain, wind south-southeast 4-17 mph, 48-60°F.
Observers: Lynne Battery, Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Marilyn Jarapko, Debbie Kennedy, Steve Kennedy, Elizabeth Kreider, Mona Reed, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer.
39 species. 404 individuals.

April 26, Sunday **(WCL)**
Weld County lakes and wetlands
Leader: Dick Pratt
0800-1500. 100 miles by car. Zero miles on foot.
Cool early, warmer later, 35-50°F.
Observers: Lynne Battery, Richard Mendez, Kathy Nelson, Chris Owens, Amy Young.
74 species. 4,280 individuals.

April 11, Saturday **(IND)**
Independent Trip: Last Chance Rest Area, Bonny State Park, Yuma County Rds. 45 and 42
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0600-2000. 456 miles by car. 1.2 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 2-20 mph, 42-74°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Carolyn Cooley, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry.
74 species. 2,176 species.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 7, Tuesday (CHA)
Chatfield Arboretum
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Mostly cloudy, wind southeast 3-10 mph,
36-53°F. 28 species. 253 individuals.

April 14 trip canceled due inclement weather.

April 20-22, Monday-Wednesday.....(NWC)
Northwestern Colorado to include Kremmling, Rabbit Ears Pass, Catamont Lake, Stagecoach State Park, Hayden, Craig, Carpenter Ranch, Yampa River SWA, Morgan Bottoms, Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse leks north of Hayden and Hamilton
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
20 hours in the field. 548 miles by car.
4.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy and snowing to partly cloudy, 28-61°F.
62 species. 1,268 individuals.

April 28, Tuesday (DNO)
Dinosaur Ridge and Mathews/Winters Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.
0900-1200. 1 mile by car. 1.5 miles on foot.
Mostly sunny, wind variable, 10-12 mph, 46-56°F.
20 species. 72 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING TRIPS/CLASSES

Oaxaca, Mexico trip
Norm Erthal is organizing a trip to Oaxaca for February 1999. For further information contact Norm at 424-6747, or by email at: *dfo@colorado.edu* or *norm.erthal@state.co.us*.

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DFO UPPER TEXAS COAST TRIP RECAP

Intrepid leader Bob Righter reports that not only was every conceivable spicy cajun dish known to mankind devoured by the "Undaunted DFO Texas Birders" but a whopping, record breaking 205 species were "ticked off". Life-long memories included viewing, through a scope twenty yards away, a Peregrine Falcon ripping apart a Laughing Gull, and of course viewing twenty-eight species of warblers had a special soothing effect. Participants were Barbara Bridges, Myriam Friggens, David and Martha Gulbenkian, Tom Hablitzel and Bill Payne.

IN MEMORIAM

We Share with you the loss of our birding friend, Joe TenBrink who passed away April 14. Joe went birding almost every day for the last ten years, and had an uncanny way of finding rare species. He worked as a cab driver for twenty years, which taught him all good birds are found by sitting still in parking lots. Since he had marched all the way across France and Germany in World War II, he preferred to sit still in one place and let the birds come to him. The ultimate car for him was one with a sunroof so he could lay down under a tree in his car and spot birds like Blue-winged Warblers over his head. His favorite birds were chickadees, since they often led him to golden birds like Prothonotary Warblers.

He contributed to scientific study by finding the first Piping Plovers in Colorado, the first nesting poorwills in Elbert County, and surveying the many atlas blocks and breeding bird area he helped to complete. All of us benefited from his pursuit of the birds he loved and worked to save.

Joe's beautiful writing and poetry graced the pages of the *Rocky Mountain News, Bird Watcher's Digest, Birder's World, Denver Audubon Warbler* and *CFO Journal.*

Joe produced several generations of bird watchers by having six children, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

by Jean Maguire

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SPECIES	4 BAR	5 NEP	11 RRP	13 HAW	18 CSP	19 CCR	25 WRG	26 WCL	11 IND	7 CHA	20-22 NWC	28 DNO
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2				2	2	2	1	2	1	
Horned Grebe	6	16	4		2							
Eared Grebe											1	
Western Grebe	6	12			6	300		6			31	
Clark's Grebe						1		1				
American White Pelican						30		58	80		24	9
Double-crested Cormorant	65	5	7		7	5	4	10	21	1		1
American Bittern								1				
Great Blue Heron	35	5	2		7	5	2	10	1	1	23	
Blk-crowned Night-Heron					2	4	1					
White-faced Ibis			10		39	60		80	4		60	
Snow Goose "White" morph									250			
Canada Goose	20	23	12		16	30	42	20	3	9	84	
Wood Duck	4				2				3	1m1f	2	
Green-winged Teal	2	54			25	20		40	3		2	
Mallard	36	16	6	2	39	20	32	25	8	4	15	
Northern Pintail	3	16			2			2				
Blue-winged Teal		9				10	2	30	11		2	
Cinnamon Teal		34			2	5		30			11	
Northern Shoveler	30	69			4	20		45	23			
Gadwall	112	120			21	30	4	10	3			
American Wigeon	15	67				2		25	4			
Canvasback							1					
Redhead	2	2			6		1	2	2		6	
Ring-necked Duck					6		4				30	
Lesser Scaup	425	74			6		10	100	30			
Common Goldeneye	40	1			2						76	
Bufflehead	90	29				4			1	3		
Hooded Merganser	2								1			
Common Merganser		20			1						18	
Red-breasted Merganser		12										
Ruddy Duck	62	4				2			18			
Turkey Vulture	1		5	6	15	2			10		26	7
Osprey					3	3						
Bald Eagle	1	1a						1			2a2i	
Northern Harrier	1m1f	2		1		2		3	20			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2					1			4
Cooper's Hawk				3	2				1			1
Northern Goshawk					1			1				
Accipiter species									1	1		
Broad-winged Hawk				1								
Swainson's Hawk		1			1	2		15	5		1	
Red-tailed Hawk Western races	3		1	5	2	4	2	6	5	1	16	3
Ferruginous Hawk								1	1			
Rough-legged Hawk	1								1		2	
Buteo species									5		7	
Golden Eagle				2					1		9	

SPECIES	4 BAR	5 NEP	11 RRP	13 HAW	18 CSP	19 CCR	25 WRG	26 WCL	11 IND	7 CHA	20-22 NWC	28 DNO
American Kestrel	3	6	7	2	3	4		15	14	2	34	2
Merlin		1										
Prairie Falcon				1	1			1			2	9
Ring-necked Pheasant					1	3		1	16		1	
Sage Grouse											7m5f	
Greater Prairie-Chicken									25			
Sharp-tailed Grouse											6m	
Wild Turkey									1			
Virginia Rail			1h		2	1h						
Sora						1						
American Coot	315	2	1		57	30	12	6	50		19	
Sandhill Crane											63	
Semipalmated Plover								8				
Killdeer	8	8	1		17	2		10	9		3	
Black-necked Stilt								2				
American Avocet		2						35				
Greater Yellowlegs		5			1			2			1	
Lesser Yellowlegs								12				
Willet								2				
Spotted Sandpiper							1					
Long-billed Curlew									3			
Hudsonian Godwit											3	
Marbled Godwit								3				
Western Sandpiper								2				
Least Sandpiper								10				
Stilt Sandpiper								1				
Long-billed Dowitcher								2				
Common Snipe		1			11			3			3	
Wilson's Phalarope								5				
Franklin's Gull		2				30		15	12			
Bonaparte's Gull					2	3						
Ring-billed Gull		444			1	10	5	100	3		12	
California Gull								3			1	
Herring Gull					1							
Thayer's Gull						1						
Gull species	2									12	10	
Rock Dove		18	10	8	1	1	16	20	5	3		
Mourning Dove	3		2		2	2	12	10	23			
Great Horned Owl		1a			1			3	1		2	
Burrowing Owl								1	2			
White-throated Swift				10								3
Belted Kingfisher	4		2		1		2		1		3	
Downy Woodpecker	6		2			4				2	4	
"Rocky Mountain" race							6					
Eastern races							1		1			
Northern Flicker			13					1		11	6	
"Yellow-shafted" race									16			
"Red-shafted" race	8	2		3	20	10	19		8			
Say's Phoebe			1		5				1		5	

SPECIES	4 BAR	5 NEP	11 RRP	13 HAW	18 CSP	19 CCR	25 WRG	26 WCL	11 IND	7 CHA	20-22 NWC	28 DNO
Western Kingbird								1				
Horned Lark		1			1			1	240		4	
Tree Swallow				1	4	3	1				9	
Violet-green Swallow											5	4
No. Rough-winged Swallow							1					
Cliff Swallow						1		6				
Barn Swallow					1	30	2	10				
Swallow species											85	
Steller's Jay				2								
Blue Jay							3	3	1			
Western Scrub-Jay			3	6								1
Black-billed Magpie	8	8	9	18	30	30	33	10	5	14	19	9
American Crow		1	2	3	3	10	6	3	1	20	205	4
Common Raven			1	10	3					3	10	2
Black-capped Chickadee	11		7	7	12	6	6	1	1	12	7	3
White-breasted Nuthatch									2		2	
Rock Wren			1									
Canyon Wren			2									
Marsh Wren	1											
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6			1						2		
Eastern Bluebird									6			
Western Bluebird	1				27							
Mountain Bluebird					139						2	
Townsend's Solitaire	1											
Hermit Thrush					1							
American Robin	15	22	27	7	119	50	29	12	22	42	44	4
Sage Thrasher		1										
American Pipit					24							
Loggerhead Shrike					1				13			
Shrike species											1	
European Starling	200	144	10		284	200	25	100	180	35	131	
Orange-crowned Warbler							1					
Northern Parula	1m											
Yellow-rumped Warbler								2	1			1
"Myrtle" race	1					1	2					
"Audubon's" race				2	11	5	26					
Wilson's Warbler									1			
Spotted Towhee			3	2	2				1			3
American Tree Sparrow									3			
Vesper Sparrow					61	20			80		1	
Sage Sparrow					1							
Lark Bunting									1			
Savannah Sparrow									1			
Song Sparrow	14	2	7		9	20	7	2	2	5	20	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1								1			
White-crowned Sparrow	2					2		1		1		
Dark-eyed Junco				3						7		
"Pink-sided" race	1		8									
"Gray-headed" race			2						1			

	4	5	11	13	18	19	25	26	11	7	20-22	28
SPECIES	BAR	NEP	RRP	HAW	CSP	CCR	WRG	WCL	IND	CHA	NWC	DNO
Red-winged Blackbird	40	59	7	2	53	100	30	1000	330	18	22	
Western Meadowlark	21	25	10	12	60	30		50	155	23	23	9
Yellow-headed Blackbird		50						2000	43		4	
Brewer's Blackbird					1	1		6				
Great-tailed Grackle		1						18				
Common Grackle	49	4	8		25	5	4	100	225		4	
Brown-headed Cowbird						2	2	50	15			
House Finch	2	2	5	4	1	2	5	5	1	2	7	
American Goldfinch	12			6	5	5	18	2	35	4	1	
House Sparrow	10	35	1			1	22	100	100	11	12	
TOTAL SPECIES	52	50	35	29	67	58	39	74	74	28	62	20
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1712	1441	200	132	1224	1200	404	4280	2176	253	1268	72

ADDITIONAL REPORTS APRIL 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	4/12	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Dan Brachear, Renee Brachear
Cattle Egret	4/14	6	Las Animas/Fort Lyon area	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Glossy Ibis	4/14 4/19	1a	Pond east of Lake Meredith	Crowley	B. Percival, G. Rutherford, mo
Ross' Goose	4/14	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Greater Scaup	4/19	1m	Lake Cheraw	Otero	B. Percival, mo
Oldsquaw	4/1- 4/21	1f	Fish Hatchery Pond west of Valco Ponds	Pueblo	B. Percival, mo
Broad-winged Hawk	4/19	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Peregrine Falcon	4/6	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	B. Brown
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	4/18	8m	Campo lek	Baca	B. Percival, mo
Sharp-tailed Grouse	4/19	3	North of intersection of Weld County Rds. 111 and 136	Weld	Dan Bridges
Snowy Plover	4/11	3	Pond east of Lake Meredith	Crowley	B. Percival, Mark Janos
Mountain Plover	4/7	1	Rd. M west of US-287	Baca	B. Percival, G. Rutherford, mo
	4/19	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, mo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/7	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Greater Roadrunner	4/7	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Barn Owl	4/14	1	Lake Holbrook grove	Otero	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	4/19	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Long-eared Owl	4/19	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4/7 4/18	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, G. Rutherford, mo
Northern Flicker Yellow-shafted race	4/10	1f	Bow Mar Dr. and Sunset, Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Black Phoebe	4/20- 4/21	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	B. Percival, Mark Yaeger
Eastern Phoebe	4/7 4/18	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, G. Rutherford, mo
Sedge Wren	4/10	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	B. Percival
Eastern Bluebird	4/4	1m1f	Whitetail Dr., Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	4/11	1m	Rocky Ford sewage ponds	Otero	B. Percival, M. Janos
Hermit Thrush	4/7	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Northern Parula	4/19	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, mo
Black-throated Gray Warbler	---	2	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	T. Jones
Black-and-white Warbler	4/18- 4/19	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Indigo Bunting	4/18	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	4/7	2	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Field Sparrow	4/18	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival
Black-throated Sparrow	4/7	3	CO-109 south of La Junta	Otero	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Bullock's Oriole	4/18	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, B.B. Hahn
Red Crossbill	4/4	4a2i	Whitetail Dr., Franktown	Douglas	K. Metz

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, h heard

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

June 6, Saturday **(APX)**
Apex Park
Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372
Meet at 0600 at lower Heritage Square parking lot off CO-93 just north of US-40. Will hike Apex Trail for warblers, vireos and flycatchers, Grouse are possible. Trail is steep in places. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 7, Sunday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl, 798-0552
Meet at 0730 at fee station inside west entrance to park off So. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C470. Half day trip. Easy trail. Will walk at least two miles. State Parks Pass required.

June 13, Saturday **(FCR)**
Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch (south of Colorado Springs)
Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194
Meet to carpool at 0600 at northeast corner of Southmoor RTD Park-n-Ride. Take Hampden Ave. east from I-25 to Monaco Blvd., then south to Magnolia Way, or meet at 0730 at the north parking area of Fountain Creek Regional Park. From I-25 south of Colorado Springs, take Exit 132. Go east to CO-16 across Fountain Creek to US-85. Turn south and then immediately right onto Willow Springs Rd. Continue west into the park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms. Call leader in advance if carpooling from Denver. We'll be walking four to five miles. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 14, Sunday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park
Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603
Meet at 0730 at park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker go 1.2 miles south on Parker Rd. (CO-83). Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Will walk two to three miles. Half day trip.

June 20, Saturday **(RMN)**
Rocky Mountain National Park
Leader: Bob Righter, 692-8529
Meet to carpool at 0615 at RTD Park-n-Ride on northeast corner of No. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. next to police station. Or, meet leader at 0800 at park visitors center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. U.S. Parks Pass required. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 21, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake state Park
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069
Meet at 0800 at nature center in the park. Easy trail but will walk up to three miles. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

June 27, Saturday **(HAK)**
Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lake
Leader: Carol Hack, 303-777-7893
Trip will include South Park and areas around Jefferson. Meet to carpool at 0700 at northwest corner of parking lot at Albertson's on So. Sheridan Blvd. just north of US-285, or meet leader at 0830 on US-285 across from Texaco station in Jefferson. Trip good for new members and novice birders. Will walk two to three miles on moderate trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 28, Sunday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks, Mt. Falcon and Lair o' the Bear Parks
Leader: Norm lewis, 988-5544
Meet at 0700 at trading post in Red Rocks Park. Bring lunch and extra water. Will walk at least three miles.

July 3-5, Friday-Sunday **(NOP)**
North Park including Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest
Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682
Meet at 0900 at Safeway in Fraser. Friday and Saturday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel, 970-723-4271, or in the primitive campground one mile north of town. Make your own overnight arrangements. Call leader if going. Parks pass required.

Scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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May 2, Saturday (CCI)
Canon City Riverwalk, Oak Creek and Red Canyon Park
Leader: David Pantle
0915-1545. 40 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear to overcast, wind west 0-20 mph, 60-70°F.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, Gail Campbell, Sherry Chapman, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Chuck Lowrie, Tim Schowalter, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz.
65 species, 528 individuals

May 3, Sunday (SBT)
Stapleton Braille Trail, Chief Hosa Campground
Leader: Doris Cruze
0800-1200. 3.5 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south-southwest 0-5 mph, 42-55°F. No observers.
38 species, 185 individuals.

May 9, Saturday (PNG)
Pawnee National Grassland, Crow Valley Campground, Lower Latham Reservoir
Leader: Kathy Hawkins
0630-1800. 226.5 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.
Foggy to clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 0-10 mph, 38-61°F.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Ed Holub, Liz Kreider, Jean Morgan, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Charlotte Oesman, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Debbie Seiden, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Dexter Williams, Helen Williams, Amy Young, Randy Yuen.
86 species, 1,490 individuals.

May 9, Saturday (LNG)
Longmont Area: Union Reservoir, Jim Hamm Nature Center, Gaynor Lake
Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens
0700-1130. 30 miles by car. Zero miles on foot.
Foggy early, clear late, 45-60°F.
Observers: Shirley Hilborn, Bill Prather, Inez Prather, Buzz Schaumberg, Jim Wesorich, Nancy Wesorich. 72 species, 2,628 individuals.

May 10, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Ira Sanders
0730-1430. 10 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind south-southwest 4-7 mph, 43-65°F. Observers: Myriam Ackley, Dan Brachear, Carolyn Weichmann, Helmut Weichmann.
73 species, 659 individuals.

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May 23, Saturday **(RIG)**
Rigli Ranch
Leader: Joe Rigli
0830-1600. 7 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind northwest 0-12 mph, 60-80°F.
Observers: Meredith Anderson, Vern Haas, Ed McKonkle, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Jim Wesorich, Nancy Wesorich. 52 species, 361 individuals.

May 24, Sunday **(CSA)**
Colorado Springs Area to include Colo. Spgs. SWA, Hannah Ranch and Big Johnson Reservoir
Leader: David Laliberte
0730-1730. 213 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear early, overcast and rain late, wind 1-18 mph, 53-66°F. Observers: Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Randy Lentz, Clifford Reed, Mona Reed, Carrie Schoomer, Lynn Solomon, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters. 75 species, 697 individuals.

May 25, Monday Memorial Day **(TWP)**
Two Ponds NWR and Standley Lake
Leader: David Rhoades
0800-1200. 4 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 10 mph, 50-70°F.
Observers: Liz Bond, Ginny Faxon, Tom Faxon, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Marilyn Jarapko, Chris Mendez, Richard Mendez, George Nagy, Mary Anne Nagy, Chris Owens, Regina Reynolds, Peter Spanberger, Marcia Sullivan.
34 species, 204 individuals.

May 23-25, Saturday-Monday **(CRL)**
Crescent Lake Wildlife Area, Cancelled.

May 27, Wednesday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional and Castlewood Canyon State. Parks
Leader: Gail Evans
0700-1400. 10 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 1-5 mph, 60-80°F.
Observers: Peggy Gonder, Liz Kreider, Bob Spencer, Eleanor White.
65 species, 523 individuals.

May 30, Saturday **(SWS)**
Southwest Suburban to include Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Louviers, Plum Creek and Daniels Park
Leader: Lynn Willcockson
0730-1600. 28 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to mostly clear, wind southwest 5-15 mph, 65-80°F.
Observers: Marge Burgess, Carley Clark, Bob Frager, Ellen Jacobson, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Charlotte Oesman, Buzz Schaumberg.
60 species, 603 individuals.

May 31, Sunday **(FVT)**
Flatirons Vista Doudy Draw and Mesa Trails
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0700-1315. Zero miles by car. 5.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-2 mph, 60-84°F.
Observers: Myriam Ackley, Mary Burns, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Connie Huyck, Jill Knaak, Jim Schofield.
40 species, 267 individuals.

Trips scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644

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May 13, Wednesday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer
0630-1430. 14 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, 45-80°F.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, Barbara Bridges, Tamie Bulow, Barbara Gillett, Liz Kreider, Mort Staatz. 60 species, 787 individuals.

May 16, Saturday **(WTR)**
Waterton Canyon
Leader: Hugh Kingery
0600-1500. Clear and warm.
Observers: Dave Conant, Lyn Conant, Peggy Gonder, Rick Harner, Barbara Jacobi, Urling Kingery, Bob Miner, Debbie Seiden, Tim Showalter.
78 species, 751 individuals.

May 16, Saturday **(LBC)**
Lower Bear Creek
Leader: Bob Spencer
0645-1445. Mostly clear, wind calm to southwest breeze, 44-70°F. Observers: Bobby Ausphal, Ruth Breckon, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Bob Frager, Mort Staatz.
62 species, 1,403 individuals.

May 16, Saturday **(CHA)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Joey Kellner
0600-1500. 17 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind south 0-8 mph, 48-72°F.
Observer: Randy Lentz.
74 species, 938 individuals.

May 17, Sunday **(CSL)**
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Randy Lentz
0445-1445. 15 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 40-80°F.
Observers: Sloan Anderson, Jean McClenathen.
64 species, 671 individuals.

May 17, Sunday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leaders: Lynn Willcockson and Urling Kingery
0630-1600. Clear. Observers: Len Baker, Rick Harner, Hugh Kingery, Arlene Raskin, Gerry Raskin. 91 species, 1,188 individuals.

May 17, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler
0600-1630. Zero miles by car. 12 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind south-southwest gusting to 20 mph, 50-80°F. Observer: Bob Spencer.
77 species, 1,219 individuals.

May 17, Sunday **(BLP)**
Barr Lake Periphery
Leader: Jackie King
0600-1600. 104 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southwest 0-15 mph, 58-81°F.
Observer: David Laliberte.
64 species, 2,056 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 5, Tuesday **(ESL)**
Private Lakes: Engineer and Secrest Lakes
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0900-1600. 5 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear to cloudy, wind south 0-5 mph, 60-70°F.
42 species, 312 individuals.

May 12, Tuesday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 50-60°F.
37 species, 320 individuals.

May 19, Tuesday **(BRW)**
Barr Lake State Park-west side and Lochbuie exit
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.
0900-1300. 8 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 68-85°F.
46 species, 593 individuals.

May 26, Tuesday **(BRE)**
Barr Lake State Park-east side, boat dock, nature center, gazebo
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers.
0845-1230. 1 mile by car. 3.5 miles on foot
Clear, calm, 68-78°F. 41 species, 351 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING CLASSES/EVENTS

Oaxaca, Mexico trip
Norm Erthal is organizing a trip to Oaxaca for February 1999. For further information contact Norm at 424-6747, or by email at: *dfo@colorado.edu* or *norm.erthal@state.co.us*.

Colorado bird nesting and viewing cavity nests ethically
Classroom session June 25, 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Field session June 27. Tina Jones, instructor, 794-2647. Fee required. Call Denver Museum of Natural History 370-6304.

Hummingbird gardening
June 29, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tina Jones, instructor, 794-2647. Fee required. Hudson Gardens on So. Santa Fe. Call the Gardens to register 797-8565.

Identification of Southwestern and Colorado hummingbirds: Natural history, behavior and plantings to attract them
July 20, 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Field session July 23, 6:15 pm. Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Denver Museum of Natural History, 370-6304.

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DFO PT. PELEE TRIP REPORT

Although seasoned Pt. Pelee birders were lamenting the unusual weather conditions and resultant disappointing migration, DFOers nevertheless found Pelee to be utterly amazing.

Views of Connecticut and Mourning Warblers and hordes of both Yellow and Black-billed Cuckoos produced the most gasps.

Led by Pearl Jordan and Bob Righter the participants were Selma Berman, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Glenn and Jeane Hageman and Anne Southcott.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Liz Burton	1067 So. Madison St., Denver 80209	698-2105
Dennis and Letty Fischer	5042 So. Granby St., Aurora 80015	690-3621
Gaylon Kellner	12169 W. Berry Ave., Littleton 80127	---
Kenneth Lamkin and Susan Seeds	6147 W. 35th Ave., Wheat Ridge 80033-7408	423-0207
Doug Wallace	901 Switzerland Pk. Rd., Boulder 80302	1-303-258-3309
Leslie Wildesen	2325 Eudora St., Denver 80207	321-7846

SPECIES	2 CCI	3 SBT	9 PNG	9 LNG	10 BAR	23 RIG	24 CSA	25 TWP	27 PRP	30 SWS	31 FVT	5 ESL	12 WRG	19 BRW	26 BRE
Common Loon							1								
Pied-billed Grebe			1	3											
Horned Grebe				1			2								
Eared Grebe															2
Western Grebe			20	200	10		9								2
Clark's Grebe				12			5								
American White Pelican			43	30	17			10				1		1	1
Double-crested Cormorant	3		1		60	5	1	10	1	2		12	5	35	10
Great Blue Heron	2	1	8	5	25	1	13	1	3	3	3	4		30	12
Great Egret				1										2	
Snowy Egret												4		4	
Cattle Egret														3	
Green Heron							2								
Blk-crowned Night-Heron				3				2	1	2		4	1	3	1
White-faced Ibis			43												
Canada Goose	2	17	14	92	20		7	11	16	10		6	35	50	60
Wood Duck					2			2		8					
Green-winged Teal			3	55											
Mallard	4	8	6	30	10	8	29	10	16	11	1	9	15	1	5
Northern Pintail			2		3										2
Blue-winged Teal	3		6	40	10				2					2	
Cinnamon Teal	5		4	4	4									2	2
Northern Shoveler		2	18	36	20		27					1			
Gadwall	2	1	16	12	30		54		4			8	6	2	2
American Wigeon	2			10	20		9								
Canvasback			2												
Redhead			1	2	5		126							1	
Ring-necked Duck				1											
Lesser Scaup			2	1	10		7		2						
Bufflehead				6	4							2			
Common Merganser	2									2					
Ruddy Duck				1	23		51								
Turkey Vulture	3			2			1		8	1					
Bald Eagle	1a		1a		2			1						4a1j	2
Northern Harrier			2m1f	2											
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1														
Swainson's Hawk			7	5	2	4	2	1	2	1		2		4	1
Red-tailed Hawk Western races	2	2	2		1	2	3		2	2	3			3	
Golden Eagle	1i					1				1	1				
American Kestrel	8	1	8	11	2		1		2	1		2		1	4
Peregrine Falcon				1		1									
Prairie Falcon										1					
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		1h		1	2									
Wild Turkey	1														
Scaled Quail							2								
Virginia Rail			1h											4	
Sora			1h											2	

SPECIES	2 CCI	3 SBT	9 PNG	9 LNG	10 BAR	23 RIG	24 CSA	25 TWP	27 PRP	30 SWS	31 FVT	5 ESL	12 WRG	19 BRW	26 BRE
American Coot			3	14	30		11					1			
Killdeer	1	4	14	3	5	4	2	1	4	3	1	2			8
Black-necked Stilt			8												
American Avocet			35	2								2	2		
Lesser Yellowlegs			1	2											
Spotted Sandpiper	1				5	2	4		4	4		1	2		2
Whimbrel			3												
Least Sandpiper			5												
Baird's Sandpiper			1												
Long-billed Dowitcher			60												
Common Snipe			3											1	
Wilson's Phalarope			50	42											
Franklin's Gull			15	25	30		1								
Ring-billed Gull				7	3				5			1	4	150	
Forster's Tern				5	4							4			
Rock Dove	20	6	25	12	1	2	9	7	8		3	35	3	2	
Mourning Dove	20	2	30	25	10	20	16	5	14	11	9	7	18	2	2
Barn Owl					1										
Eastern Screech-Owl													1		
Great Horned Owl			3i		1										3j
Burrowing Owl			4			2									
Common Nighthawk						1	1			1					
White-throated Swift	5	15							10						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	3							4	5	3				
Hummingbird species							1								
Belted Kingfisher	4			1	1		2	1		1		2			
Red-headed Woodpecker							1							1	
Downy Woodpecker	2				3		2		1				8		
"Rocky Mountain" race		1													
Eastern races			1							4					
Northern Flicker								5				3	12	2	7
"Red-shafted" race	2	5	3	1	3		3		1	5	2				
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1	1								
Western Wood-Pewee					1	1	2	1	3	3	7		1		1
Dusky Flycatcher				1		1									
Gray Flycatcher															
Cordilleran Flycatcher															1
Empidonax species							1								
Say's Phoebe	3	1		2		1	2								
Western Kingbird	3		20	3	1	12	3			13		1		8	4
Eastern Kingbird			2	2	4	3	6		6					7	8
Horned Lark			40			25	2		2	7					
Tree Swallow	2			20	2				8					12	5
Violet-green Swallow		25		500	3	1			6	2				3	
No. Rough-winged Swallow	3		1	402	2			4	14	2					2
Cliff Swallow			75	500			17	13	150	285	25	40	5	10	2
Barn Swallow	4		30	30	4	10	34	20	4	3	7	9	7	12	10
Steller's Jay		1								2					
Blue Jay	2	3	2		1		5	3	2				8		

SPECIES	2 CCI	3 SBT	9 PNG	9 LNG	10 BAR	23 RIG	24 CSA	25 TWP	27 PRP	30 SWS	31 FVT	5 ESL	12 WRG	19 BRW	26 BRE
Western Scrub-Jay	6														
Black-billed Magpie	20	24	18	4	2		4	7		11	6	13	23	4	3
American Crow		13	4				2		4	2			1		
Common Raven	4	2								2	3				
Black-capped Chickadee	4	6			7		2	1	2	2	2	2	8		3
Mountain Chickadee	1	2									4				
Juniper Titmouse	2														
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	3													
Rock Wren	2					2									
Canyon Wren	1														
Bewick's Wren	2														
House Wren	1	1	3	1	15	2	15		6	11	8		1	5	22
Marsh Wren			8									1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	2					1h								
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2								4	2	3				
Western Bluebird									6	6					
Mountain Bluebird		7							10	7					
Veery						1									
Swainson's Thrush			1		4	25	6							1	
Hermit Thrush						5	1								
American Robin	6	8	18	40	20	10	30	4	8	21	17	12	12	12	9
Gray Catbird							2		1	2					
Northern Mockingbird			1			4	2								
Sage Thrasher															
Brown Thrasher			3		1	2									
Cedar Waxwing									2	2					
Loggerhead Shrike			7			3									
European Starling	40	35	60	50	1	25	21	11	15	22	17	16	18	20	5
Plumbeous Vireo							1				2	2	3		
Warbling Vireo					2	1	5		1						
Orange-crowned Warbler	3			1											
Virginia's Warbler	2				1				2			1	1		
Yellow Warbler	1		1	1	9	2	11	3	8	15	12	1	5	2	11
Yellow-rumped Warbler				4			4					7			
"Myrtle" race	60		4		3							8			
"Audubon's" race	15	2	3		7				1			3			
Palm Warbler				1											
Blackpoll Warbler				1	1										
Black-and-white Warbler			1						1						
American Redstart							1								
Common Yellowthroat			2	5	2		1		2	1		1	3	3	
Wilson's Warbler	1		1			1	2								
Yellow-breasted Chat									3	1	21				
Western Tanager							2	4	1	3		1			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							1m				1m				
Black-headed Grosbeak	3					1			4	3	3				
Lazuli Bunting							1m		7		3				
Green-tailed Towhee				2	3						4				
Spotted Towhee	6	1	2	2	5		2		4	6	17		3		

SPECIES	2 CCI	3 SBT	9 PNG	9 LNG	10 BAR	23 RIG	24 CSA	25 TWP	27 PRP	30 SWS	31 FVT	5 ESL	12 WRG	19 BRW	26 BRE
Cassin's Sparrow						2									
American Tree Sparrow					1										
Chipping Sparrow		4	15	15	10	6				4	4	26			
Brewer's Sparrow			11	25	1	1									
Vesper Sparrow			20	3			1h		4	2	5				
Lark Sparrow			2		1	3	5								
Lark Bunting			250			20	4		1						
Savannah Sparrow			6	2											
Grasshopper Sparrow						3								1	
Song Sparrow			3	6	3		5	4	5	7			10	7	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		1												
White-crowned Sparrow				35	10								2		
"Dark-lored" races									2						
"Gambel's" race	1		3												
McCown's Longspur			10												
Chestnut-collared Longspur			6m2f												
Bobolink									6						
Red-winged Blackbird	120	30	160	150	20	3	25	10	30	16	5	25	23	70	80
Western Meadowlark	6		27	9	2	12	8	2	8	6	28			3	2
Yellow-headed Blackbird			50	55	5							2		6	
Brewer's Blackbird						4	3				1				
Great-tailed Grackle			6												
Common Grackle	50	20	70	27	100	10	15	20	20	16	6	18	20	60	25
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		30	7	1	4	9	4	12	7	10		5	12	
Orchard Oriole						6			4						
Bullock's Oriole			1		20	20	8	1	10	9	8		6	7	20
House Finch	4	5	2	3	5		5	18	4	4	2		5		2
Pine Siskin	8	3								2					
Lesser Goldfinch											4				
"Black-backed" race										3					
American Goldfinch	4	6		2	1	3	8	1	14	4	5	2	20		3
Evening Grosbeak	6														
House Sparrow	20	12	30	12	1	50	6	6	6	8	2	8	18	15	4
TOTAL SPECIES	65	38	86	72	73	52	75	34	65	60	40	42	37	46	41
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	528	185	1490	2628	659	361	697	204	523	603	267	312	320	593	351

Spring Count	5/13	5/16	5/16	5/16	5/17	5/17	5/17	5/17
SPECIES	CCR	WTR	LBC	CHA	CSL	RMA	BAR	BLP
Common Loon			1					
Pied-billed Grebe		1					1	1
Eared Grebe	2						14	
Western Grebe	10		4	3		1		12
Clark's Grebe							12	
American White Pelican	38		24				16	34
Double-crested Cormorant	20	11	116	10		3	120	44
American Bittern							1	
Great Blue Heron	3	25	34	30	10	7	39	25
Snowy Egret							5	
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	2					1	2	1
White-faced Ibis	39							
Canada Goose	35	32	44	35	9	77	80	24
Wood Duck		6		2			2	
Green-winged Teal		1		2	1	39		
Mallard	55	21	39	16	3	42	36	40
Northern Pintail		1				7	5	
Blue-winged Teal	5	5	2	2	1	6	15	3
Cinnamon Teal	1	6		1	1	7	4	13
Northern Shoveler	1	2	4			7	7	7
Gadwall	6	22	8	8	2	46	12	3
American Wigeon			2				1	
Canvasback								
Redhead		2				11	10	
Ring-necked Duck		2				3		
Lesser Scaup						2		
Bufflehead			4			2		
Common Merganser	3	8		4				
Ruddy Duck	6	5				1	10	
Turkey Vulture		2	2	1	25			
Osprey			1	2				
Bald Eagle		1					2a1i	1a
Northern Harrier			1			1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1				
Accipter species					1			
Swainson's Hawk	3		3		1	7	1	10
Red-tailed Hawk		8	8	2		11		6
Western races					4			
Ferruginous Hawk						1		
Golden Eagle					1			
American Kestrel	1	8	3	1	1	7	7	4
Prairie Falcon					1			1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1,4h			1		6	3	2
Virginia Rail							1	

SPECIES	CCR	WTR	LBC	CHA	CSL	RMA	BAR	BLP
Sora		1						
American Coot	6		6			3	25	1
Snowy Plover						1		
Killdeer	7	10	16	7		15	8	31
American Avocet		5				17		9
Solitary Sandpiper			2					1
Spotted Sandpiper	7	10	6	2		2	5	1
Semipalmated Sandpiper			2					
Common Snipe								4
Wilson's Phalarope		2				17		
Franklin's Gull				4			27	4
Ring-billed Gull	30		104	6			18	195
California Gull	1	16	3				1	
Herring Gull	1							
Gull species						1		
Forster's Tern							1	8
Black Tern							1	
Rock Dove	4	2	18	2	12	7	13	31
Mourning Dove	30	19	44	11	17	52	31	84
Great Horned Owl		1	3	1i	2	7	1	2
Burrowing Owl				1		1		
Long-eared Owl						7		
Common Poorwill					1h			
Chimney Swift							1	
White-throated Swift					6			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		2		3	6			
Belted Kingfisher		6	3	1		1	2	
Lewis' Woodpecker		1						
Downy Woodpecker	4	5	3	6	1	5		
Northern Flicker	4							
"Yellow-shafted" race								1
"Red-shafted" race		8	35	9	7	14	7	3
""Yellow x red" hybrid						1		
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1		
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2		3		1	1	1
Willow Flycatcher								3
Least Flycatcher				4				
Empidonax species						2		
Say's Phoebe							1	
Western Kingbird	8	5		10		37	46	70
Eastern Kingbird	2	1	2	3		8	17	2
Horned Lark				5		10	2	88
Tree Swallow		5		17	24	1	1	
Violet-green Swallow		2	8	1	39			
No. Rough-winged Swallow		5		7	12	5	8	
Bank Swallow						5		

SPECIES	CCR	WTR	LBC	CHA	CSL	RMA	BAR	BLP
Cliff Swallow	2	10	20	37	80		30	190
Barn Swallow	20	10	31	5	1	10	39	95
Steller's Jay					3			
Blue Jay	2		1		2	1		
Western Scrub-Jay					3			
Black-billed Magpie	25	4	76	19	14	76	13	32
American Crow	4	1	7	4	5	1		
Common Raven					1			
Black-capped Chickadee	6	12	20	18	8	8	4	2
Mountain Chickadee					4			
White-breasted Nuthatch					1			
Rock Wren				2	7			
Canyon Wren					2			
House Wren	2	88	35	198	27	42	48	10
American Dipper		1						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2		9	7	3		
Western Bluebird					10			
Mountain Bluebird					12			
Veery							1	
Swainson's Thrush							4	
Hermit Thrush						6	3	
American Robin	22	6	106	21	35	45	27	36
Gray Catbird		12		3		1		
Northern Mockingbird		2				1		
American Pipit				3				
Cedar Waxwing		5						
Loggerhead Shrike			1			2		2
European Starling	15	12	126	59	31	45	80	90
Plumbeous Vireo		1			3			
Warbling Vireo		6	2	3		2	2	
Red-eyed Vireo					1			
Orange-crowned Warbler		1						
Virginia's Warbler				1	3		1	
Yellow Warbler	5	73	18	92	5	28	28	20
Yellow-rumped Warbler	12			1			11	8
"Myrtle" race			2	1				
"Audubon's" race		4		7		17		
Blk-thoated Green Warbler								
American Redstart		2		1				
MacGillivray's Warbler						1		

SPECIES	CCR	WTR	LBC	CHA	CSL	RMA	BAR	BLP
Common Yellowthroat	6	11		8		6	13	10
Wilson's Warbler	2					1	1	
Yellow-breasted Chat		21		14	1			
Summer Tanager				1f				
Western Tanager					7	6		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						2		
Black-headed Grosbeak					18	1	7	
Blue Grosbeak						1		
Lazuli Bunting		1		10	1			
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1		1	3	2	2	1
Spotted Towhee		10	3	11	55			
Chipping Sparrow	28		25	3		33		17
Clay-colored Sparrow						4		1
Brewer's Sparrow	4					5		
Vesper Sparrow	2	11	3	2	13	1		3
Lark Sparrow		2		4		6		5
Lark Bunting						6		90
Savannah Sparrow		2						
Grasshopper Sparrow						1		
Song Sparrow	8	26	11	13	5	6	15	5
Lincoln's Sparrow						1	2	
White-crowned Sparrow	8		1			2		
Bobolink					7			
Red-winged Blackbird	65	68	76	15	35	64	54	260
Western Meadowlark	25	28	43	25	15	94	9	71
Yellow-headed Blackbird	12		1			2	31	20
Brewer's Blackbird	30	4	9	2	25			4
Great-tailed Grackle							3	2
Common Grackle	50	7	116	50		52	90	100
Brown-headed Cowbird	30	11	2	25	18	7	17	4
Orchard Oriole						6		
Bullock's Oriole	15	11	18	14		44	33	21
House Finch	5	1	18	4	1	7	4	22
Lesser Goldfinch		5	2	7				
American Goldfinch	20	6	8	19	12	10	3	
House Sparrow	25	2	67	2	2	14	19	160
TOTAL SPECIES	60	78	62	74	64	91	77	64
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	787	751	1403	938	671	1188	1219	2056

ADDITIONAL REPORTS MAY 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	5/23	1a	Flying north along US-287, Little Washington Work Center	Baca	Tony Leukering, Jim Bradley Dan Svingen, Ila Svingen
Tricolored Heron	5/18	1a	Union Reservoir	Weld	T. Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Green Heron	5/11	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/24	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, Mark Janos
Glossy Ibis	5/14	1a	East of Rocky Ford on CO-266	Otero	B. Percival, Dave Silverman
	5/14	1a	Road GG east of Lake Holbrook	Otero	Karleen Schofield
Mississippi Kite	5/12	1a	CO-196 north of Lamar	Prowers	K. Schofield
	5/22	1i	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Broad-winged Hawk	5/7	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival
	5/9	1i	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	5/1	4m	Campo lek	Baca	K. Schofield, Tammy Ferreira
Wild Turkey	5/11	5	Hammit SWA	Prowers	K. Schofield
Black Rail	5/9	4h	Ft. Lyon area marshes	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/15	1	Road HH west of Ft. Lyon	Bent	K. Schofield
	5/24	1h	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, M. Janos Bob Dickson, Dave Johnson
Mountain Plover	5/12	2a	Rd. WW 0.5 miles west of US-287	Bent/Prowers	K. Schofield
Upland Sandpiper	5/11	12	Hammit SWA	Prowers	K. Schofield
Whimbrel	5/17	4	Antero Reservoir	Park	T. Leukering, Peter Gaede
Hudsonian Godwit	5/14	1bf	East of Rocky Ford on CO-266	Otero	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman
Ruddy Turnstone	5/31	1ab	Blue Lake	Bent	Tina Jones
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/31	3	Blue Lake	Bent	T. Jones
Laughing Gull	5/8	1fy	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Least Tern	5/11	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival
	5/23	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	I. Svingen
White-winged Dove	5/2	1c	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	K. Schofield, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Gene Rutherford
	5/23	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Eurasian Collared-Dove	5/14	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman
	5/17	1	Just south of Fowler	Otero	T. Leukering, P. Gaede
Greater Roadrunner	5/1	1c	Carrizo Canyon	Baca	K. Schofield, T. Ferreira
	5/24	1	Ute Canyon	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, D. Swingen
Northern Saw-whet Owl	5/6-9	1c	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Lesser Nighthawk	5/14	1m1f	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman
Common Poorwill	5/6	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Chimney Swift	5/20-27	2+	Springfield	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5/21	1m	7.5 miles west of Pritchett	Baca	T. Leukering
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/21-22	1	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, I. Svingen
	5/23	1	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, mo
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/23-24	1msb	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Alder Flycatcher	5/23	1c	Southside of Arkansas River, Rock Canyon	Pueblo	B. Percival
Willow Flycatcher	5/21	1 west 1b east	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, D. Svingen, I Svingen
Dusky Flycatcher	5/22-23	1	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley, I. Svingen
Gray Flycatcher	5/11	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Ash-throated Flycatcher	5/14	2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, B. Dickson D. Silverman
	5/14	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	B. Percival, D. Silverman
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/7-24	1-2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Cassin's Kingbird	5/22	4	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I Svingen
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	5/5	1m	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival
Chihuahuan Raven	5/1	2c	Rd. M. east of Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	K. Schofield, T. Ferriera
Sedge Wren	5/10	1s	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	John Prather, mo
Veery	5/8	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/8	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, K. Schofield, mo
	5/10	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival
	5/16	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	5/19	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	B. Percival
	5/20	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	B. Percival
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/5	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	B. Percival
	5/8-9	1-2	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/9	1	Ft. Lyon SWA	Bent	T. Leukering
Red-eyed Vireo	5/9	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/22	1	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley
	5/23	1	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley
Blue-winged Warbler	5/20	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman
Golden-winged Warbler	5/11	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, mo
Tennessee Warbler	5/9	1f	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/16-17	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Nashville Warbler	5/9	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/10	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
	5/14-17	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, B. Dickson D. Silverman
Northern Parula	5/5-7	1sm	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival
	5/8-11	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/10	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
	5/14	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, D. Silverman
	5/26	1	Along Clear Creek in Golden just west of the new visitors center	Jefferson	Amy Young
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/14-17	1-2sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, B. Dickson D. Silverman
Magnolia Warbler	5/14-17	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman, mo
	5/20-22	1im	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Townsend's Warbler	5/9	1f	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Lisa Rawinski, mo
	5/10	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
	5/12	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	K. Schofield
Hermit Warbler	5/5	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	T. Jones
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/10	1sm	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
	5/14	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, D. Silverman
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/16	1sm	Roads JJ and 16	Bent	B. Percival, G. Rutherford, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry
Blackpoll Warbler	5/5-17	—	Eleven sightings, various southeastern locations	—	B. Percival, Van Truan, mo
Black-and-white Warbler	5/5	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	B. Percival
	5/6	1m	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
American Redstart	5/6-10	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/17	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/20	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival
	5/20	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, B. Dickson

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Prothonotary Warbler	5/28	1sm	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	B. Percival, M. Janos
Worm-eating Warbler	5/5-8	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/8	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Ovenbird	5/8-9	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/10	1	Roads JJ and 16	Bent	B. Percival, mo
	5/16	1s	Roads JJ and 16	Bent	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	5/17	1s	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Northern Waterthrush	5/5-17	—	Ten sightings, various southeastern locations	—	B. Percival, T. Leukering, mo
Kentucky Warbler	5/30	1	2695 Newland St.	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
Mourning Warbler	5/15	1m	West of Olive Marsh parking lot	Pueblo	B. Percival, D. Silverman
MacGillivray's Warbler	5/21-23	1m	CSU Research Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley I. Svingen
	5/23	1m1f	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I Svingen
Hooded Warbler	5/23-24	1fb	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I Svingen
	5/24	1f	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	B. Percival, M. Janos, B. Dickson, D. Johnson
Wilson's Warbler	5/21	1m1f	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, mo
Summer Tanager	5/10	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	B. Percival, mo
Scarlet Tanager	5/8-9	1f	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Western Tanager	5/21	1imb	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I. Svingen
	5/22	1imb	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/14	1sm	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	K. Schofield
	5/14-16	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, B. Dickson, D. Silverman
	5/16	1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	5/17	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
Black-headed Grosbeak	5/21	1imb	Little Washington Work Center	Baca	T. Leukering, J. Bradley D. Svingen, I. Svingen
Cassin's Sparrow	5/10	3s	South of Lamar Community College	Prowers	K. Schofield, BB Hahn
	5/12	3s	Rd. 8 south of Rd. WW	Prowers	K. Schofield
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	5/8	1	East of Ft. Lyon on Road JJ	Bent	B. Percival, mo
Field Sparrow	5/6-8	1-2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/7	1-3	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	B. Percival, K. Schofield, BB Hahn, Jim Norton
	5/11	3	Hammit SWA	Prowers	K. Schofield
White-throated Sparrow	5/6-8	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival, mo
	5/11	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, mo
Great-tailed Grackle	5/30	2m	West of Red Lion SWA	Logan	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Baltimore Oriole	5/11-12	1am	Lake Henry	Crowley	B. Percival, mo

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, b breeding plumage, c calling, s singing

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

July 3-5, Friday-Sunday **(NPA)**
North Park including Walden, Arapaho NWR and Colorado State Forest
Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682
Meet at 0900 at Safeway in Fraser. Friday and Saturday nights at North Park Motel, 970-723-4271, or at primitive campground one mile north of town. Make your own overnight arrangements. Parks pass required. Call leader if going.

July 4, Saturday **(BFC)**
Buffalo Creek and Pine Valley Ranch
Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231
Meet at 0630 at RTD Park-n-Ride at US-285 (Hampden Ave.) and So. Wadsworth Blvd. Will search for Three-toed Woodpecker and other nesting mountain birds. Be prepared for three to four mile walk on moderate trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

July 5, Sunday **(GEN)**
Genesee Mtn. Park
Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 278-7245
Meet at 0700 at RTD Park-n-Ride at east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave. Good trip for new members and novice birders. Should see families of mountain birds. Half day trip.

July 11, Saturday **(RMN)**
Rocky Mountain National Park
Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, 699-1721
Meet at 0800 at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Variety of habitats. Nesting mountain birds. Allow for two hour drive from Denver. Bring appropriate clothing for high country. National Parks Pass Needed. Call leader before Friday the 10th if you have questions.

July 12, Sunday **(MTF)**
Mt. Falcon Jefferson County Open Space
Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
Meet at 0700 at Park-n-Ride at US-285 (Hampden Ave.) and So. Wadsworth Blvd. More high country specialties. Bring lunch.

July 18, Saturday **(BDR)**
Boulder area
Leader: Ira Sanders, 278-7172
Meet at 0645 at east side of Park-n-Ride at Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet in Boulder at Bureau of Standards at 27th and Broadway at 0730. Bring lunch, will be birding until perhaps 1500.

July 19, Sunday **(GGP)**
Golden Gate State Park
Leader: Paula Hensley, 642-3361
Meet at 0800 at the refurbished Visitors Center at Golden Gate State Park. Montane birds. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

July 25, Saturday **(ECH)**
Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes
Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000
Meet to carpool at 0730 at Park-n-Ride at east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet leader at Filius Park. From I-70 going west take Evergreen exit, then first Bergen Park exit, then right to Filius Park. $6.00 per vehicle for Mt. Evans portion of the trip. Bring lunch.

July 26, Sunday **(DCC)**
Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch
Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683
Meet at 0700 at So. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Road, first stoplight south of C470 on So. Wadsworth. 58 species on this trip last year. Carpooling optional. Trip will end mid-afternoon to avoid heat and traffic. Bring lunch.

July 30, Thursday **(BYB)**
Backyard birds, some hummers and plantings
Leader: Tina Jones, 794-2647
Meet at Tina's house at 4400 Bow Mar Dr. at 1830-2100. Bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on, water, dinner, and sunblock.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 2
Program to be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144
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June 7, Sunday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl
0730-1030. Zero miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 65°F.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Kathy Emmack, Tammy Ferreira, Eric Fontenot, Beverly Guild, Marilyn Jarapko, Eric Linberg, Ira Sanders, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler.
37 species, 202 individuals.

June 10, Wednesday **(APX)**
Apex Park (Rescheduled from June 6)
Leader: Warren Finch
0615-1215. Zero miles by car. 6.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to hazy, wind south 0-5 mph, 50-70°F.
Observers: Pearl Jordan, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. 40 species, 263 individuals.

June 13, Saturday **(FCR)**
Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch
Leader: Ed Holub
0730-1230. 28 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to partly cloudy, wind west 0-25 mph, 50-75°F. Observer: Jean Frazier.
40 species, 512 individuals.

June 14, Sunday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park
Leader: David Quesenberry
0730-1100. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, calm, 60-80°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Warren Finch, Beverly Guild, Bridget Milnes, Nancy Quesenberry, Regina Reynolds, Carrie Schoomer, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler, Lynn Solomon.
41 species, 679 individuals.

June 20, Saturday **(RMN)**
Rocky Mountain National Park
Leader: Bob Righter
0800-1530. 50 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, cloudy, rain, wind west 0-30 mph.
Observers: George Armbrust, Ellie Baker, John Caroll, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Peter McCalmont, Ed McConkey, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman, Dick Williams, Amy Young.
45 species, 219 individuals.

June 21, Sunday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe
0800-1145. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Partly cloudy, calm, 70°F.
Observers: Don Cannalte, Kathy Emmack, Connie Huyck, Gwinavere Johnston, Jean Morgan, Toni Rautus. 38 species, 525 individuals.

June 27, Saturday **(HAK)**
Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lake
Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins
0830-1630. 37.3 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northeast 0-15 mph, 50-78°F.
Observers: Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Mort Staatz, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen, Amy Young. 67 species, 667 individuals.

June 28, Sunday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks, Mt. Falcon and Bear Creek Lake Parks
Leader: Norm Lewis
0700-1300. 42 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, 65-94°F.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Beverly Guild, Connie Huyck, Sue Kane, Ann Lee, Toni Rautus.
61 species, 306 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 2, Tuesday **(CAC)**
Castlewood Canyon, east and west sides
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.
0830-1300. 10 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-15 mph, 70-86°F.
34 species, 264 individuals.

June 9, Tuesday **(LOB)**
Lair o' the Bear Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 34 observers.
0830-1215. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind east 5-15 mph, 65-72°F.
45 species, 225 individuals.

June 16, Tuesday **(LLA)**
Los Lagos, near Rollinsville
Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin, Judy Miller, Ann Bonnell. 49 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Mostly cloudy, calm, 62-66°F.
32 species, 106 individuals.

June 23, Tuesday **(SBT)**
Stapleton Braille Trail and Genesee Mtn. Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0830-1200. 3 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.
Clear, mostly calm, 65-76°F.
34 species, 153 individuals.

June 30, Tuesday **(EST)**
Estes Park-McGraw Ranch at Rocky Mtn. National Park, Cow Creek Trail and Prather Ashe Property
Leaders: Prather Ashe and Ann Bonnell.
29 observers.
0930-1230. 8 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy, wind west 3-5 mph, 68-80°F.
35 species, 137 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING CLASSES/EVENTS

Oaxaca, Mexico trip
Norm Erthal is organizing a trip to Oaxaca for February 1999. For further information contact Norm at 424-6747, or by email at: *dfo@colorado.edu* or *norm.erthal@state.co.us*.

Costa Rica trip
Bird Costa Rica, first two weeks in December 1998, with Alicia and Dieter Kamm, leaders. For itinerary, contact Karleen Schofield, 936-8661, after August 15.

Southwestern Hummingbird Behavior, Identification and Gardening
July 20, 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Trip to hummingbird yard July 23, 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Denver Museum of Natural History, 370-6304.

Swainson's Hawk and Fall Migration
Classroom September 17, 7:00 pm. Field trip September 20. Call Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Denver Museum of Natural History, 370-6304.

The Hows and Whys of Birds, Bird Behavior, and Bird Adaptations
Evening classroom sessions September 29, October 6 and October 8. All sessions 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Call Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Denver Museum of Natural History, 370-6304.

Birdwatching 101 Class
Suzi Plooster will teach a birdwatching class, Birdwatching 101, under the auspices of Lifelong Learning-Boulder Valley Schools Community School Program. The class will be listed in the Fall Program Schedule.

The class will consist of three Thursday evening sessions September 17 and 24 and October 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, plus two Saturday field trips of two hours each on September 26 and October 3.

All registrations must be made in advance through Lifelong Learning. Cost of the course is $50 plus $3 for handouts. You may contact Lifelong Learning at 499-1125 Ext. 222 for information or registration.

The class is geared toward beginning birdwatchers, and will emphasize "how to look at birds" so that you will be able to identify them with the aid of your field guide. This is not a "pretty picture show" that shows you a slide and says "This is a robin" but rather is a basic class in learning "to see" like an accomplished birder.

Location of the class will be in a Boulder school, and will be given to registered participants only.

Please contact Suzi if you would like more information about the class, either by phone (494-6708) or by email (mplooster@du.edu).

HOLT RECEIVES RYDER AWARD

Harold R. Holt, a DFO member for nearly 40 years, recently received the Ronald A. Ryder Award presented by the Colorado Field Ornithologists at their state convention in Lamar. Harold was honored for his contributions to Colorado field ornithology and for sharing his knowledge of Colorado birds with others. He helped write and revise birding guides for Colorado, Texas, Southern Arizona, Southern California and Florida.

Harold's wife, LaVona, has been his faithful assistant and birding companion. Her original design of a Lark Bunting graces the front page of the *Lark Bunting*.

Congratulations to both Harold and LaVona and we wish them many more happy adventures.

BELMAR HISTORIC PARK CHECK LIST

DFO member Al Clebsch has labored the past year to compile a revised birding checklist and notations on seasonal occurrence and breeding status of birds visiting Belmar Historic Park at 800 So. Wadsworth Blvd. in Lakewood. More than 125 species have been observed over the past ten plus years.

In addition to Al's sightings, Warren Finch and Karleen Schofield contributed observation data.

JONES OPENS YARD AUGUST-OCTOBER

Anyone interested in seeing a songbird, hummingbird, butterfly backyard habitat may view Tina Jones' much publicized yard during the months of August, September and October.

Feel free to come by anytime between 7:00 am and 8:30 pm. Instructions for observers and birders are found on the patio. Please do not call or knock on the door.

Exit US-285 (Hampden Ave.) at Sheridan Blvd. Go south on Sheridan through the stoplight at W. Quincy Ave. Turn right on Sunset and go west to Bow Mar Dr. Turn right on Bow Mar to 4400 Bow Mar Dr. Please park on the paved area of the driveway, not the dirt section. Bring other friends and birdwatching groups.

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SPECIES	7 CSP	10 APX	13 FCR	14 PRP	20 RMN	21 BAR	27 HAK	28 RRP	2 CAC	9 LOB	16 LLA	23 SBT	30 EST
Eared Grebe							10						
American White Pelican	4					19		11					
Double-crested Cormorant	3		1			8		13					
Great Blue Heron	1		2	1		3		3	1	1			
Snowy Egret						5							
Green Heron			1										
Blk-crowned Night-Heron						1							
White-faced Ibis				60			5						
Canada Goose			120			110	70	18					
Green-winged Teal							10						
Mallard	4		18	20	4	24	50	10			7		4
Blue-winged Teal				1		1	1						
Cinnamon Teal				1									
Northern Shoveler							10	2					
Gadwall						2	30						
Redhead						30	10						
Ring-necked Duck					2		2						
Lesser Scaup							40						
Bufflehead							1						
Common Merganser			2										
Ruddy Duck							1						
Turkey Vulture			2	1	1		2	1	15	1		2	1
Osprey	1										2		
Bald Eagle						1i							
Northern Harrier											1		
Cooper's Hawk										1		1	
Northern Goshawk					1f								
Swainson's Hawk			1			1	3	1		1			
Red-tailed Hawk Western races	1		1	3	2		1	5	3	1		1	3
Golden Eagle							1		1				
American Kestrel								1					
Prairie Falcon								2	1				
Virginia Rail			2										
Sora							1						
American Coot						5	5						
Killdeer			1	4			2	6			5		
American Avocet							2						
Spotted Sandpiper					1								
Long-billed Curlew							1						
Common Snipe							2				1		
Wilson's Phalarope							6						
California Gull						1							
Rock Dove		12	1					9	1				
Mourning Dove	3	6	8	8		8	7	8	2	1		3	
Great Horned Owl			1			1							
Common Nighthawk	4			2									
White-throated Swift								8		2			7

SPECIES	6 CSP	10 APX	13 FCR	14 PRP	20 RMN	21 BAR	27 HAK	28 RRP	2 CAC	9 LOB	16 LLA	23 SBT	30 EST
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	7	2			10		5	2	4	13	2	54	7
Belted Kingfisher	1					1h		1		1			
Red-naped Sapsucker					2		3						
Williamson's Sapsucker												2	4
Downy Woodpecker	3			2		2							1
Hairy Woodpecker								1			2		
Three-toed Woodpecker					2								
Northern Flicker	5	2	1	6	2	4	5	6	1	3	2	1	5
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					2						
Western Wood-Pewee	4	2	2	8	4	4	4	1		1	2	1	2
Willow Flycatcher											1		
Hammond's Flycatcher		5											
Dusky Flycatcher					4		1			1			1
Cordilleran Flycatcher		5			1				3	3	1	10	2
Say's Phoebe									1				
Western Kingbird		1	2			18		2					
Eastern Kingbird			2	3		14							
Horned Lark					6		5						
Tree Swallow			10	10	6	3	40			2	3	1	6
Violet-green Swallow		1		2	20		2	15	5	33	3	6	14
No Rough-winged Swallow			4	6		1		5		7			
Bank Swallow							7			12			
Cliff Swallow	5		20	200	1		160	10	150				
Barn Swallow	6		10			1		4			1		
Gray Jay							3						
Steller's Jay		1			6					8		1	1
Blue Jay			2								1		
Western Scrub-Jay	3	1						3	2				
Clark's Nutcracker					4		1						
Black-billed Magpie	3	10	6	6	10	3	4	10	5			3	8
American Crow		7	5		4		2	7	2	2		1	1
Common Raven		5			6		3	2					2
Black-capped Chickadee	8	4	6	6		6		3	1	7		1	
Mountain Chickadee		5			4		3	3		1	3	6	12
Red-breasted Nuthatch		6						2h		3			
White-breasted Nuthatch					1			1h		2	2	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch		3						1			1	2	4
Rock Wren					2					1			
Canyon Wren								1h					
House Wren	14	10	25	20	8	9		11	2	10		6	10
American Dipper										3			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					8		5					2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2					1				
Western Bluebird												1	
Mountain Bluebird					4		15	1	6		2	3	7
Townsend's Solitaire		1			2			1				1	
Hermit Thrush					2						1		
American Robin	6	15	10	30	8	8	15	20	7	14	7	11	8

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Gray Catbird	2			2				2					
American Pipit					8								
Cedar Waxwing	5							1	2	6			
European Starling		10	30	10	6	20	5	10		4			
Plumbeous Vireo									3	1			
Warbling Vireo	5	10			8		6	2h		7		4	2
Virginia's Warbler		9											
Yellow Warbler	14		8	30		9	1	12	5	12			
Yellow-rumped Warbler		2			8		1			1	6	3	
American Redstart	1												
MacGillivray's Warbler		1											
Common Yellowthroat	10		3	2				1h					
Wilson's Warbler							3						1
Yellow-breasted Chat	8			1				1		1			
Western Tanager		10			1					1		3	1
Black-headed Grosbeak		7		2				1	4	5		4	
Blue Grosbeak				1									
Lazuli Bunting	3	2	1							1			
Indigo Bunting										1			
Green-tailed Towhee		5			3			1					1
Spotted Towhee	4	40						13	5	10			
Chipping Sparrow					6			2		1	3	6	7
Vesper Sparrow					2		4		2		1	1	1
Lark Sparrow			2										
Savannah Sparrow							10				2		
Song Sparrow	3	2	5	20		7		1		13	2		6
Lincoln's Sparrow					12		10						
White-crowned Sparrow					5		5						
Dark-eyed Junco					8		2	1			6		
Red-winged Blackbird	11	1	30	100		20	15	5	10		8		1
Western Meadowlark	9	5	5	10		2	2	6	2				1
Yellow-headed Blackbird							5						
Brewer's Blackbird							5				2	1	1
Common Grackle	4	35	28	40		50	4	10					
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	4	10	10	3	5	3	3	2	3	2	1	1
Orchard Oriole				5									
Bullock's Oriole	2	3		15		40		9		2			
Pine Grosbeak							1						
Cassin's Finch							4						
House Finch			4	10	3				4			1	1
Pine Siskin					8		20	1			3		13
Lesser Goldfinch	9	2		1			1	5	2	19			
American Goldfinch	2			12			1	4	7	2			
House Sparrow		10	7	6		6	1	4	2				
TOTAL SPECIES	37	40	40	41	45	38	67	61	34	45	32	34	35
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	202	263	512	679	219	525	667	306	264	225	106	153	137

ADDITIONAL REPORTS JUNE 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Eared Grebe	6/13	4pr	Unaweep Canyon	Mesa	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Great Egret	6/9	1	Browns Park NWR	Moffat	Glenn Giroir
	6/12	1	Near Alamosa	Alamosa	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Green Heron	6/8	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	B. Percival, Bob Dickson
	6/14	1	Grand Junction	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Black-crowned Night-Heron	6/22	1a	Clifton	Mesa	T. Leukering, G. Giroir
White-faced Ibis	6/22	8	Clifton	Mesa	T. Leukering, G. Giroir
Ring-necked Duck	6/13	7	Unaweep Canyon	Mesa	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Common Goldeneye	6/12	1am	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Turkey Vulture	6/23	2	Silverthorne	Summit	T. Leukering
	6/24	1	Green Mtn. Reservoir	Summit	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
	6/26	1	10 miles southeast of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Chukar	6/13	2	Cameo	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Gambel's Quail	6/13	2	Connected Lake State Park	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Mountain Plover	6/26	1pr	5 miles southeast of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Willet	6/1-22	2pr	Fruitgrower's Reservoir	Delta	G. Giroir, mo
Whimbrel	6/12	1	Antero Reservoir	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
♦Curlew Sandpiper	6/30	1bf	Neeskah (Upper Queens) Reservoir	Kiowa	Duane Nelson
	7/1	1bf	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Many observers, photos
Red-necked Phalarope	6/6	6	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	T. Leukering, mo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/15	1b	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	Gary Cress
Greater Roadrunner	6/26	1s	7 miles south of Springfield	Baca	Dan Svingen, Ila Svingen
Flammulated Owl	6/11	1h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	6/10	1	1.5 miles north of Baxter Pass	Garfield	Rich Levad
	6/12	1	Woody Creek, About 3.5 miles north of Aspen	Pitkin	R. Levad
	6/24	1	East of Clark, About 6 miles south of Pearl Lake SP	Routt	R. Levad
	6/27	2h	CO-78	Pueblo	B. Percival, Chris Wood
Lesser Nighthawk	6/8	2m1f	Clifton sewage ponds	Mesa	C. Wood
	6/13	2f	Clifton sewage ponds	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Common Poorwill	6/27	3h	CO-78	Pueblo	B. Percival, C. Wood
Black-chinned Hummingbird	6/15-18	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Acorn Woodpecker	6/12	3	Southwest of Durango	La Plata	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Williamson's Sapsucker	6/27	5	6 miles south of Fairplay	Park	T. Leukering
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	6/14	1	Temple Canyon Park	Fremont	B. Percival
Three-toed Woodpecker	6/6	1f	St. Charles Trail	Custer	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	6/20	1f	Endovalley, Rocky Mtn. Nat. Park	Larimer	Paul Johnson, mo
Black Phoebe	6/13	2j	1 mile south of Uravan	Montrose	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
	6/13	2a3i	Uravan	Montrose	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Cassin's Kingbird	6/13	7	South of Durango	La Plata	T. Leukering
Great Crested Flycatcher	6/1	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival
Purple Martin	6/13	1m1f	Muddy Creek Rd. turnoff	Gunnison	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Veery	6/26	1s	Tarryall Creek, 2 miles north of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Gray Catbird	6/13	1s	South of Durango	La Plata	T. Leukering
Gray Vireo	6/13	1s	Brewster's Ridge, northwest of Mack	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
	6/13	1s	Northeast of Bondad	La Plata	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/27	1s	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	Bob Brown
Grace's Warbler	6/12	3s	Southwest of Durango	La Plata	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Pine Warbler	6/17	1	7 miles south of Springfield	Baca	D. and I. Svingen
Black-and-white Warbler	6/1	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	B. Percival
American Redstart	6/29	1sm	Mt. Evans BBS	**Clear Creek**	C. Wood
Kentucky Warbler	6/8	1sm	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	B. Percival, B. Dickson

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Kentucky Warbler (con't.)	6/10	1am	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	David LaLiberte
	6/11	1sam	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	C. Wood
	6/19	1s	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	T. Leukering
Hooded Warbler	6/8	1sm	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	B. Percival, B. Dickson
	6/10	1am	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	D. LaLiberte
	6/19	1s	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
	6/20	1sm	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	B. Brown
	6/27	1sm	Gregory Canyon	Boulder	B. Brown
Blue Grosbeak	6/13	7	South of Durango	La Plata	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Lazuli Bunting	6/26	1sm	Near Tarryall Creek, 2.5 miles north of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Brewer's Sparrow	6/26	2s	1 mile north of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Vesper Sparrow	6/26	1	1 mile north of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Black-throated Sparrow	6/13	4	Stateline Juniper Stand	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Sage Sparrow	6/12	1	3 miles south of Ft. Garland	Costilla	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Savannah Sparrow	6/26	1s	1 mile north of Como	Park	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield
Great-tailed Grackle	6/22	1m	Clifton	Mesa	T. Leukering, G. Giroir
Common Grackle	6/13	1m	Near Bondad	La Plata	T. Leukering
White-winged Crossbill	6/25	8	Below Guanella Pass	Clear Creek	T. Leukering
Scott's Oriole	6/12	1sm	Brewster's Ridge northwest of Mack	Mesa	B. Percival, G. Rutherford
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	6/18	2m1f	Pebble Creek Ranch, north of Silverthorne	Summit	T. Leukering, S. Bonfield

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, b breeding plumage, c calling, s singing, pr pair

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

August 1, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ed Holub 979-2194
Meet at 0630 at fee station just inside the west entrance to the park. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 2, Sunday **(SNT)**
Stapleton Nature Trail near Chief Hosa
Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072
Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on west side of Ward Rd. just north of I-70 or meet leader at 0800 on the dirt road just off Chief Hosa exit from I-70. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders. May bird campground as well. Half day trip, lunch optional.

August 5, Wednesday **(SHT)**
Surprise Hummingbird Trip
Leader: Tina Jones, 794-2647
Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. This trip will focus on hummingbird identification and mountain birds living at 8-9,000 feet elevation. May go to Winter Park or other Front Range locations of that elevation. Bring fold-up seat, sunblock, lunch and water. This is a three-quarter day trip. Plan to carpool.

August 8, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069
Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800 for half day trip, lunch optional. Bring drinking water. State Parks Pass required.

August 8-9, Saturday-Sunday **(GJA)**
Grand Junction Area to include Colorado National Monument
Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603
Meet leader at 0630 Saturday at the west entrance to Colorado National Monument.
Go west from Grand Junction on I-70 for approximately 12 miles to Exit 19 at Fruita then south to entrance to the monument. There will be a moderate walk of up to four miles Saturday. We will look for Gray Vireo, Gray Flycatcher, Black-throated and Sage Sparrows, Scott's Oriole and Chukar. Trip will conclude early Sunday afternoon. There are motels available in Grand

Junction, or camping at Island Acres State Park east of the city. Bring lunch for both days and extra water. State Parks Pass required. Call leader to arrange carpooling.

August 9, Sunday **(GMT)**
Genesee Mountain Park
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947
Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. Half day trip, lunch optional.

August 15, Saturday **(GUI)**
Guanella Pass to include Bailey and Georgetown
Leader: Bob Spencer: 279-4682
Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride just south of W. Hampden Ave. on So. Wadsworth Blvd. Bring lunch and water.

August 16, Sunday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park
Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
Meet leader at 0730 in park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker go south on Parker Rd. (CO-83) 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indianpipe Lane to parking lot on right. Bring a light-weight chair so we can walk a short distance then sit and watch the birds. This trip is appropriate for people with limited mobility and stamina as well as those who use a wheelchair. Bring drinking water and a snack, lunch optional.

August 16, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ruth Breckon, 403-4513
Bring your picnic supper and meet leader at the picnic tables near the restrooms at 1700. After dinner, we will walk and look for birds in the cool of the evening. The park is south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St.

August 22, Saturday **(REP)**
Reynolds Park
Leaders: Betty And Harold Oliver, 936-6902
Meet leaders at 0700 at the RTD Park-n-Ride just south of W. Hampden Ave. on So. Wadsworth Blvd. May see Western Tanagers and hummingbirds while hiking narrow trails. Bring extra water. Half day trip, lunch optional.

August 23, Sunday **(GGC)**
Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661
Meet leader at 0600 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. This trip is good for nesting birds of the foothills and mountains. Trip will involve three to four miles of walking on narrow dirt roads up to 9,400 feet. Bring lunch and extra water for long day. State Parks Pass required.

August 29, Saturday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-6092
Meet at 0530 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 No. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go two blocks west to Broadway, then north two blocks to parking lot on right. This trip will include about four miles of walking. Bring lunch. and plenty of water

August 30, Sunday **(LLA)**
Lower Latham to include Prospect, Klug and Ireland Reservoirs
Leader: David LaLiberte, 297-2504
Meet leader at 0730 at Denver Museum of Natural History at east end of north parking lot in City Park. Full day trip, Bring lunch and extra water.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 2
Twenty Years of Bird Projects in Southeastern Colorado
Jennifer Slater, Colorado Division of Wildlife

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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July 3-5, Friday-Sunday (NPA)
North Park including Walden, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest, Windy Gap Reservoir, Willow and Snyder Creeks
Leader: Bob Spencer
50 miles by car. 4.5 miles on foot.
Mostly warm and clear.
Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Campbell, Tammie Ferreira, Chuck Lowrie, Shirley Spencer, Bob Wing, Ru Wing, Amy Young.
92 species, 1,201 individuals.

July 4, Saturday (BFC)
Buffalo Creek and Reynolds Park
Leader: Gail Evans
0700-1300. 80 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 3 mph, 55-85°F.
Observer: Warren Finch.
44 species, 188 individuals.

July 5, Sunday (GEN)
Genesee Mtn. Park
Leader: Diana Mullineaux
0730-1130. 3 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, light breeze, 68-85°F.
Observers: Betty Mingus, Dave Moore, Lindsay Mullineaux, Barney Poole, Pat Poole.
31 species, 79 individuals.

July 11, Saturday (RMN)
Rocky Mountain National Park
Leader: Buzz Schaumberg
0800-1500. 20 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 55-75°F.
Observers: Ivan Getting, Margy Lanham, Chuck Lowrie, Jean Morgan, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Doug Wallace.
20 species, 62 individuals.

July 12, Sunday (MTF)
Mt. Falcon Jefferson County Open Space
Leader: David Laliberte
0700-1300. 45.9 miles by car. 2.1 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind southeast 0-10 mph, 61-86°F.
Observer: Karleen Schofield.
40 species, 294 individuals.

July 18, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area
Leader: Ira Sanders
0745-1345. 30 miles by car. 5.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west-northwest 0-12 mph, 72-95°F.
Observers: Tammie Ferriera, Bob Frager, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Chuck Walters.
48 species, 448 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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July 19, Sunday **(GGP)**

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Paula Hensley

0800-1300. 20 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot. Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 55-80°F.

Dennis Downing, Warren Finch, Ivan Getting, Peggy Gonder, Connie Huick, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Debbie Seiden, Amy Young.

38 species, 130 individuals.

July 25, Saturday **(ECH)**

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes and West Chicago Creek

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0800-1530. 34 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy, wind west-southwest 0-15 mph, 55-70°F.

Observers: Dennis Downing, Bob Frager, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman.

41 species, 140 individuals.

July 26, Sunday **(DCC)**

Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes

0700-1400. 40 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot. Overcast to partly cloudy, wind west-southwest 0-10 mph, 63-76°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Mary Dexter, Beverly Guild, Ellie Jones, Alberta Nelson, Sue Schulman, Peter Spanberger, Annette Steinbach.

54 species, 703 individuals.

July 30, Thursday **(BYB)**

Backyard birds, some hummers and plantings

Leader: Tina Jones

1830-2100. Zero miles by car. 0.125 miles on foot. Overcast, lowering clouds, some light rain, wind northeast 0-4 mph, 69-71°F.

Observers: Rose Barber, Joyce Hofer, Brandon Percival, Paul Priest, Verla Priest, Carol Shouldice, David Shouldice, Chris Wood.

24 species, 111 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 7, Tuesday **(PVR)**
Pine Valley Ranch
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 17 observers.
0830-1230. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly to mostly cloudy, wind southeast 0-5 mph,
70-80 °F. 35 species, 182 individuals.

July 14, Tuesday **(MVA)**
Mount Evans to include Echo and Summit Lakes, Mt. Goliath Nature Center, Witter Gulch and Evergreen
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
0800-1300. 30 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-15 mph,
65-75°F. 20 species, 77 individuals.

July 21, Tuesday **(GUA)**
Grant, Guanella Pass, Burning Bear Campground, Georgetown
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
0830-1330. 100 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Cloudy to rain and soft hail, wind south 0-5 mph,
55-69°F. 26 species, 79 individuals.

July 28, Tuesday **(EVR)**
Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Management Wildlife Area, Ground Hog Flats and Grass Creek Trail
Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Else Van Erpe.
18 observers. 0900-1230. 16 miles by car.
3.0 miles on foot. Clear, calm, 65-75°F.
33 species, 105 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING CLASSES/EVENTS

Oaxaca, Mexico trip
Norm Erthal is organizing a trip to Oaxaca for February 1999. For further information contact Norm at 424-6747, or by email at: *dfo@colorado.edu* or *norm.erthal@state.co.us*.

Costa Rica trip
Bird Costa Rica, first two weeks in December 1998, with Alicia and Dieter Kamm, leaders. For itinerary, contact Karleen Schofield, 936-8661, after August 15.

Swainson's Hawk and Fall Migration
For beginners and beyond. Classroom September 17, 7:00 pm. Identification skills will be emphasized. Field trip September 20. Hopefully view 80-100 Swainson's in a kettle. Call Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Becky Beckers, 766-5266.

Why do some woodpeckers disperse ants on their back? Bird Behavior Basics
Evening classroom sessions October 28, November 5, and November 11. All sessions 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Learn hows and whys of migration and about bird adaptations. Call Tina Jones instructor, 794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee Required. To register call Becky Beckers, 766-5266.

Of Loons, Mergansers, Swans and Waterfowl
For beginners and beyond. Identification and natural history of these birds an emphasis. Field trip Saturday, November 7. Hopefully we'll see scoters. Trip may be to Pueblo if birds are better there. Call Tina Jones instructor for more information, 794-2647. Offered through Denver Museum of Natural History. Call museum to register, 370-6304.

Birdwatching 101 Class
Suzi Plooster will teach a birdwatching class, Birdwatching 101, under the auspices of Lifelong Learning-Boulder Valley Schools Community School Program. The class will be listed in the Fall Program Schedule.

The class will consist of three Thursday evening sessions September 17 and 24 and October 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, plus two Saturday field trips of two hours each on September 26 and October 3.

All registrations must be made in advance through Lifelong Learning. Cost of the course is $50 plus $3 for handouts. You may contact Lifelong Learning at 499-1125 Ext. 222 for information or registration.

The class is geared toward beginning birdwatchers, and will emphasize "how to look at birds" so that you will be able to identify them with the aid of your field guide. This is not a

"pretty picture show" that shows you a slide and says "This is a robin" but rather is a basic class in learning "to see" like an accomplished birder.

Location of the class will be in a Boulder school, and will be given to registered participants only.

Please contact Suzi if you would like more information about the class, either by phone (494-6708) or by email (mplooster@du.edu).

Wildlife Watch, a wildlife viewing skills workshop

Master new outdoor skills through this activity filled, introductory wildlife viewing skills workshop!

- Sharpen your senses to sights and sounds
- Learn more about where, when and how to see wildlife (responsibly)
- Discover wildlife habitats, use binoculars and field guides
- Be a detective and interpret wildlife signs
- Eight hours of classroom lessons and activities, including a field trip
- Three sessions in September, one in October
- At a metro location near you
- $30 per person, or $40 per family (designed for ages over 12)

For information, or reservations call the Colorado Division of Wildlife Watchable Wildlife Program 303-291-7258.

JONES OPENS YARD AUGUST-OCTOBER

Anyone interested in seeing a songbird, hummingbird, butterfly backyard habitat may view Tina Jones' much publicized yard during the months of August, September and October. Tina has had Calliopes in her yard this year for up to 15 days, a result of her plantings.

Feel free to come by anytime between 7:00 am and 8:30 pm. Instructions for observers and birders are found on the patio. Please do not call or knock on the door.

Exit US-285 (Hampden Ave.) at Sheridan Blvd. Go south on Sheridan through the stoplight at W. Quincy Ave. Turn right on Sunset and go west to Bow Mar Dr. Turn right on Bow Mar to 4400 Bow Mar Dr. Please park on the paved area of the driveway, not the dirt section. Bring other friends and birdwatching groups.

IN MEMORY OF AL HAY, 1921-1998

On July 15, the Denver Field Ornithologists lost a highly respected and dedicated member, Al Hay.

Al was a lover of birds and the outdoors from his early youth. In 1982 he joined DFO and became an active member. He faithfully attended the monthly meetings, participated in and led many field trips and counts, served as Director and was Treasurer for five years.

On his trips, he was noted for his expertise and special ability to put observers at ease and feel a part of the group, taking care that all should see each bird and spicing up things with his special humor. He and Dee made trips fun. He will be especially remembered for his Golden Gate and Monte Vista trips. Al will be sorely missed.

Dee and her family wish to express their appreciation for the many calls, cards, tributes and memorial gifts.

COLORADO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The *Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas* will come out late this fall!

Ten years in the making, this 624 page book describes the breeding distribution and biology of 265 species of birds that breed in Colorado. It has chapters on Colorado ecosystems, post-settlement changes in Colorado habitats, Colorado ornithologists, and a 16 page folio with color photographs of Colorado habitats, nests, nestlings, and fledglings.

Prepublication price is $29.95 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling (a $5.00 savings). All DFO members will receive prepublication order forms later in the summer. Deadline for prepublication orders will be November 1, 1998.

For more information contact Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723.

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Jean Maguire, Karleen Schofield

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BIRDS OF CIMARRON NATIONAL GRASSLAND

This *free* 108 page Forest Service publication includes black-and-white photos, tables and a guide to the birds of the grasslands in extreme southwest Kansas, adjacent to Comanche National Grassland in Colorado. For a copy write USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain. Forest and Range Experiment Station, 240 W. Prospect Rd., Ft. Collins, CO 80526.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible. See "Upcoming" at end of this issue.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HOTLINE

For Jefferson County Open Space trail closures due to mud, maintenance, nesting birds, etc., call the trails hotline recording at 303-271-5975.

Some of the popular JCOS trails are at White Ranch, Apex, Mt. Falcon and Deer Creek. Leaders of field trips to these areas will find this hotline especially useful.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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SPECIES	3-5 NPA	4 BFC	5 GEN	11 RMN	12 MTF	18 BDR	19 GGP	25 ECH	26 DCC	30 BYB	7 PVR	14 MVA	21 GUA	28 EVR
Pied-billed Grebe	1					2								
Eared Grebe	2													
Western Grebe	4													
American White Pelican	44					3								
Double-crested Cormorant	5	1	1			5			2	5				6
Great Blue Heron	1	1			1	10								
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	4					5				1				
Canada Goose	230					133				12				3
Wood Duck						1f								
Green-winged Teal	16													
Mallard	21			1		85	2	7	5		1a4i			1
Northern Pintail	2													
Blue-winged Teal	1													
Cinnamon Teal	14													
Northern Shoveler	18													
Gadwall	20													
American Wigeon	12													1
Redhead	4													
Ring-necked Duck	20													
Lesser Scaup	24													
Common Merganser	6													
Ruddy Duck	19													
Turkey Vulture	3		1						2				1	4
Osprey	2													
Northern Harrier	1													
Northern Goshawk							1							
Accipiter species		1						1						
Swainson's Hawk	7								2					
Red-tailed Hawk	2		1		1h				4		2		1	
Buteo species													1	
Golden Eagle	2	1									1			
American Kestrel	1	1							4					
Peregrine Falcon		3n												
Prairie Falcon	1								1					
Sage Grouse	4													
American Coot	43					8								
Killdeer	9					7								
American Avocet	23					2								
Greater Yellowlegs	2													
Lesser Yellowlegs	4													
Willet	8													
Spotted Sandpiper	4					2	2	2			3			1
Common Snipe	7													1
Wilson's Phalarope	12													
Ring-billed Gull						12				8				
California Gull	172													
Forester's Tern	10													
Black Tern	4													
Rock Dove		4				1			4	2				
Band-tailed Pigeon		2					5	11						
Mourning Dove	4	4			1	3	4		9	5	8			3
Western Screech-Owl	1h													
Great Horned Owl	1a1i													
Common Nighthawk	2				1h									

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Calliope Hummingbird										1f				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6	12	5	5	13	3	12	8	15	1f	23	6	4	5
Rufous Hummingbird							4	3	1	1f			3	
Red-naped Sapsucker	9			6			1	1			1			1i
Williamson's Sapsucker			2	6								1		
Downy Woodpecker							1		1	1				1
Hairy Woodpecker		1					3	2	1					
Three-toed Woodpecker		3		2										
Northern Flicker	1	2		3	6	3	3	1	3				1	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1						1		6			1
Western Wood-Pewee	2		2					2	2		2	1		
Willow Flycatcher	1													
Hammond's Flycatcher									2					
Dusky Flycatcher	1													
Cordilleran Flycatcher		4	2		5	2		2	18				1	4
Empidonax species							2							
Western Kingbird									3	5				
Eastern Kingbird						7								
Horned Lark	8			1										
Tree Swallow	7			15	1	5	6	7		12	7			6
Violet-green Swallow	2	8	6		12		12	3	50		15		7	2
No Rough-winged Swallow		2		2						1				
Bank Swallow								4						
Cliff Swallow	125					1			100	8				
Barn Swallow	16	6				5			12	10				6
Swallow species												7		
Gray Jay	6											2		
Steller's Jay	1	3	1	5	2		3	5	1		6		1	
Western Scrub-Jay									2					
Clark's Nutcracker							1	3				8		
Black-billed Magpie	2		6		7	1	2		15	5			2	
American Crow	5	4	7	1	12			3	3		4	4	3	7
Common Raven	2	2	1	2	1		1	2			9	19		
Black-capped Chickadee						6	3		2	3	2		2	3
Mountain Chickadee	4	2	4	2	23	5	2	4	5		2	2	6	4
Red-breasted Nuthatch					3	10								
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			5	3	1h	1						
Pygmy Nuthatch			2	1	35		1h	8	5					6
Rock Wren					1h									
Canyon Wren					1h				3					
House Wren	2	8	1	3	8	10	8	1	6	9	2	1		6
Marsh Wren	3													
American Dipper											2			2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5						1	1						2
Western Bluebird		6	1					1						
Mountain Bluebird	2	4	2		5m2f		2		5			2	1	
Townsend's Solitaire		1			3							1	4	1
Hermit Thrush	2	1	2						1					
American Robin	24	14	3	1	6	12	4	3	20	5	18	1	7	2
Gray Catbird									2		3			
Northern Mockingbird		1h												
Sage Thrasher	5													
American Pipit				1				3				11		
Cedar Waxwing											2			

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European Starling		2			2	1			200	1				
Plumbeous Vireo											1		2	
Warbling Vireo	4	10				3	4		3		5		3	4
Yellow Warbler	6					4			1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3		2				2				1f	3		
MacGillivray's Warbler						2					1m1f			
Common Yellowthroat	1					3								
Wilson's Warbler	7						1h	3				1	4a3i	
Yellow-breasted Chat									2					
Western Tanager		4	4		4m1f	2			1		2			2
Black-headed Grosbeak	1				2m1f			2	5		3m2f			
Green-tailed Towhee			1		2		2	2			4			
Spotted Towhee		2			4	3			35		4			
Chipping Sparrow	2	18	6	2	42	1	4	11	75		9		3	2
Brewer's Sparrow	8													
Vesper Sparrow			1		2									
Lark Sparrow									1					
Savannah Sparrow	9								6					
Fox Sparrow								1						
Song Sparrow	1	4			1	4	1	3	1		5			1
Lincoln's Sparrow	3						5	4						
White-crowned Sparrow	13			1				6				1	5	
Dark-eyed Junco	2	6	2		4	2	6	2	8			2	1	5
Red-winged Blackbird	12	6				30	2		1		2		2	9
Western Meadowlark	7					2			2					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	26					20								
Brewer's Blackbird	16				1						12		3	
Common Grackle	1	4			5	1	1							
Brown-headed Cowbird	21	2	1		10		1				4			
Bullock's Oriole						1		1	3					
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch								2						
Pine Grosbeak								4				1		
Cassin's Finch			1					3						
House Finch		2	3		1m	3		1	1	2				
Red Crossbill			1		30								1m1i	
Pine Siskin	18	10	6		22	6	14	6	25		3	3	5	1
Lesser Goldfinch		2			2h				20	8				
American Goldfinch	2	8				12				5				
House Sparrow	1	14		2	3	1			1	2			1	
TOTAL SPECIES	92	44	31	20	40	48	38	41	54	24	35	20	26	33
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1201	188	79	62	294	448	130	140	703	111	182	77	79	105

ADDITIONAL REPORTS JULY 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Horned Grebe	7/8	1b	Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Double-crested Cormorant	7/21-29	1	North of Silverthorne	Summit	Kathleen Phelps, Sue Bonfield
Great Egret	7/10	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	CW
Snowy Egret	7/10-13	80	Northeast of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, Emily Paulson, Isa Paulson, Janeal Thompson
Cattle Egret	7/10-13	8	Northeast of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, EP, IP, JT
Green Heron	7/8	1	Olive Marsh	Pueblo	BP, CW
	7/31	1	Red Lion SWA	Logan	BP, CW
Glossy Ibis	7/9	**3a**	East of Lake Meredith	Crowley	BP, CW
	7/13	1a	Northeast of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, EP, IP, JT
White-faced Ibis	7/10-13	60	Northeast of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, EP, IP, JT
Osprey	7/21	1a	Platte Canyon Reservoir	Douglas	Tony Leukering, CW
	7/23	1a	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	TL, CW
Mississippi Kite	7/9	36a	La Junta	Otero	BP, CW
	7/12	8a	Furnish Canyon	Baca	CW
Peregrine Falcon	7/13	1af	King Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, EP, IP, JT
Blue Grouse	7/30	7	Rocky Mtn. National Park	Larimer	BP, CW
White-tailed Ptarmigan	7/26	1f, 3j	Cottonwood Pass	Gunnison	**BP**, Ken Hollinga, Greg Butcher, Matt Hosner
"Gunnison" Sage Grouse	7/26	16	South of Gunnison	Gunnison	BP, KH, GB, MH
	7/26	2	South of Gunnison	Saguache	BP, KH, GB, MH
Snowy Plover	7/26	5	Antero Reservoir	Park	CW, Joey Kellner
Mountain Plover	7/1	140	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	CW, JK, Karleen Schofield
Black-necked Stilt	7/10-13	59	Northeast of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	CW, EP, IP, JT
Upland Sandpiper	7/9	1	East of Lake Meredith	Crowley	BP, CW
Long-billed Curlew	7/1	115	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	CW, JK, KS
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/1	2a	Neeskah (Upper Queens) Reservoir	Kiowa	TL, Dick Maxfield
Western Sandpiper	7/1	1a	Neeskah (Upper Queens) Reservoir	Kiowa	TL, DM
Least Sandpiper	7/1	3a	Neeskah (Upper Queens) Reservoir	Kiowa	DL, DM
Pectoral Sandpiper	7/8	1a	Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, CW
♦Curlew Sandpiper	7/1	1af	Neeskah (Upper Queens) Reservoir	Kiowa	Many observers
Bonaparte's Gull	7/14	1fs	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	CW, Duane Nelson
	7/26	2fs	Antero Reservoir	Park	CW, JK
Caspian Tern	7/8	1a	Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, CW
White-winged Dove	7/29	1c	3465 So. Otis Ct., Lakewood	Jefferson	BP, CW
Eurasian Collared-Dove	7/9	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, CW
	7/18	2	Cope	Washington	CW
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7/7	3a	Model Reservoir	Las Animas	CW
Flammulated Owl	7/4	1	Road kill near Paonia SRA	Gunnison	TL
	7/9	1, 2h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	PB, CW, mo
	7/24	1h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	BP, KH, GB, MH
Long-eared Owl	7/12	2c	DOW Two Buttes	Prowers	CW
Black Swift	7/25	4n	Box Canyon Falls	Ouray	BP, KH, GB, MH
	7/30	17	Rocky Mtn. National Park	Larimer	BP, CW
Calliope Hummingbird	7/7-9	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	7/8	1im	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/10	2f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/11	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/12	1am, 1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/13	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/15-16	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/16	1im	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/20-21	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/21	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
	7/24	1m	Wetmore	Custer	BP, KH, GB, MH
	7/25	3m	Colorado City	Pueblo	BP, KH, GB, MH

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Calliope Hummingbird (con't)	7/30-31	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	TJ
Lewis' Woodpecker	7/27	1a	Grand CR41, 2.1 miles northwest of US-34	Grand	Kathy Hawkins, Syl Sather
Least Flycatcher	7/13	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	CW
	7/18	1a	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	CW
	7/21	1a	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	CW
	7/23	1a	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	CW, JK
	7/23	1a	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	CW, BP
	7/31	2a	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	CW, BP
Eastern Phoebe	7/7	1	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	CW
Great Crested Flycatcher	7/11	2a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	CW
	7/20	1	Hale	Yuma	CW, Dave Heeden
Cassin's Kingbird	7/18	3a, 2i	East Bijou Creek	Elbert	CW, DH
Eastern Bluebird	7/12	2a, 2j	Furnish Canyon	Baca	CW
	7/14	2a, 2j	Lake Hasty	Bent	CW
	7/18	12	Many locations west of Limon	Elbert	CW, DH
Phainopepla	7/23	1f	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	CW, mo
Bell's Vireo	7/20	5sm	Black Wolf Creek at 22 Rd.	Yuma	CW, DH
	7/31	4	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	BP, CW
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Chestnut-sided Warbler	7/7	1fb	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	Gary Cress
American Redstart	7/28	1amb	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	GC
Ovenbird	7/23	1mb	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	GC
	7/25-28	1b	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	GC
Northern Waterthrush	7/19	1a	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	CW
Northern Cardinal	7/11	1	Hammit SWA	Prowers	CW
	7/12	1sm	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca-Las Animas	CW
	7/29	1	Wheat Ridge Geenbelt	Jefferson	BP, CW
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7/13	1afb	Ken Caryl Ranch	Jefferson	GC
Indigo Bunting	7/7	1sm	Near Clark Reservoir #1	Huerfano	CW
Dickcissel	7/4	9	Chatfield SP-Roxborough SP Douglas CR3	Douglas-Jefferson	CW, Russ Wood, Bob Brown
	7/11	96	Hammit SWA and environs	Prowers	CW
Sage Sparrow	7/11	2j	Near Rabbit Valley at Utah State Line	Mesa	TL
Grasshopper Sparrow	7/4	44	Chatfield SP-Roxborough SP Douglas CR3	Douglas-Jefferson	CW, RW, BB
Fox Sparrow	7/30	1s	Rocky Mtn. National Park	—	BP, CW
Bobolink	7/1	2m	Near Buckeye	Larimer	TL, SB
	7/29	1m	Castlewood Canyon SP	Douglas	BP, CW

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, b breeding plumage, c calling, s singing, n nesting

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

September 5, Saturday **(LNG)**
Longmont and foothills near Lyons
Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens 303-772-6048
Meet at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. Take Exit 240 from I-25. Go west on CO-119 four miles to Boulder/Weld County Rd., then two miles north to park on the left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) This trip good for new members and novice birders. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

September 6, Sunday-no trip scheduled.

September 7, Monday Labor Day **(WCL)**
Weld County lakes
Leader: Bill Prather, 303-776-2191
Meet at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center (see above). Will walk about two miles. This trip good for new members and novice birders. Bring lunch and extra water.

Fall Count September 11 and 12, Saturday and Sunday. Details follow "Upcoming".

September 19, Saturday **(RRP)**
Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon Parks
Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000
Meet at 0800 at Trading Post at Red Rocks Park. Will walk three to four miles on easy trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 20, Sunday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661
Meet at 0700 at fee station inside west entrance to park off So. Wadsworth Blvd. 1.5 miles south of C470. Will walk three miles on easy trails. State Parks Pass required. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 26, Saturday **(RIG)**
Rigli Ranch
Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-432-5200
Meet at 0715 to carpool at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0800 at the Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson. Take Hudson exit off I-76 and turn right. Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson go east on CO-52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. **Do not** turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F another 14 miles to CR14. Turn left, or north, on CR14 and go about two miles to first white house on left where two boxcars are visible. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 27, Sunday **(ROX)**
Roxborough State Park
Leader: J.B. Hayes, 303-798-9683
Meet at 0800 at Roxborough Visitors Center inside park. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

September 26-27, Saturday-Sunday **(PUE)**
Otero and Crowley County lakes on Saturday
Pueblo County on Sunday
Leader: Brandon Percival, 719-547-3722
Meet at 0700 at the Red Caboose in the Kmart parking lot in Pueblo on Saturday. It is located at the southwest intersection of US-50 West (Exit 101 off I-25) and Elizabeth St. Meet at 0700 at the Valco Ponds parking lot (4.7 miles west of the intersection of Pueblo Blvd. and CO-96) on Sunday. The parking lot is west of Valco Ponds on the right. On Saturday we will bird Lakes Henry, Meredith, Cheraw and Holbrook, Rocky Ford SWA, the Eurasian Collared-Dove site in Rocky Ford. Sunday we will bird Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir, and other areas in Pueblo County. There are many hotels and camping locations in Pueblo for Saturday night. Come either or both days. Bring lunch for both days. State Parks Pass required Sunday.

October 3, Saturday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Mort Staatz, 303-279-6169
Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Lake Park in Wheat Ridge, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

October 4, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Recreation Area
Leader: Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351
Meet leader at 0830 just inside west gate to park east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

1998 FALL COUNT

The annual Fall Count will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. You may contact the leader or simply arrive on time at the meeting place.

September 12, Saturday

Lower Bear Creek *(LBC)*
Leader: To be determined
Meet at 0700 at So. Sheridan Blvd. and US-285, in front of Albertson's, north of US-285 and west of So. Sheridan.

Waterton *(WAT)*
Leader: Hugh Kingery, 814-2723
Meet at 0645 at Discovery Pavilion, left immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon.

Chatfield State Park *(CSP)*
Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748
Meet at 0630 at swim beach parking lot near west (Deer Creek) entrance to park. West entrance is on CO-121 (So. Wadsworth Blvd.), one-half mile south of C470. State Parks Pass required.

Barr Lake State Park *(BAR)*
Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035
Meet at 0630 at Barr Lake State Park entrance station, 13401 Piccadilly Rd. This is a ten mile, all-day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

September 14, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park *(CAC)*
Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381
Meet at 0700 at old north entrance to park. From CO-86, one half-mile west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. and drive about two miles to entrance, or call leader for details. Optional half or full day trip. State Parks Pass required.

Barr Lake Periphery *(BLP)*
Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
Meet at 0630 at Barr Lake State Park entrance station, 13401 Piccadilly Rd.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal *(RMA)*
Leader: Urling Kingery, 814-2723
Register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

Cherry Creek Reservoir *(CCR)*
Leader: Bob Brown, 791-6204.
Meet at 0700 at west gate to park, east of Dayton St. near Cherry Creek High School.

Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 7
"Colorado Wildlife"
Laura Hagar and Bill Bevington of the Mile High Wildlife Photo Club
NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144
DFO Home Page: members.aol.com/dfobirders

August 1, Saturday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ed Holub
0630-1145, 12 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, 60-80°F.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Ursula Barsch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Bob Frager, Carol Haskell, Joe Roller.
49 species, 506 individuals.

August 2, Sunday (SNT)
Stapleton Nature Trail near Chief Hosa
Leader: Doris Cruze
0810-1200, 2.5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind northeast 5-15 mph, 60-75°F.
Observers: Mary Dexter, Alberta Nelson, Toni Rautus, Annette Steinbach.
37 species, 299 individuals.

August 5, Wednesday (SHT)
Surprise Hummingbird Trip
Leader: Tina Jones
Echo Lake, Chicago Creek, Empire, Georgetown
0730-1600, 138 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 5-12 mph, 73-80°F. Observers: Keith Chamberlain, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ru Wing.
41 species, 330 individuals.

August 8, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe
0800-1200, 5 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 68-90°F.
Observers: Margie Burgess, Elna Cain, Carolyn Weichmann. 38 species, 356 individuals.

August 8-9, Saturday-Sunday (GJA)
Grand Junction Area to include Colorado National Monument
Leader: David Quesenberry
0630-1800 on August 8, 0630-1030 on August 9
200 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind variable to 10 mph, 60-100°F.
Observers: Tammy Ferreira, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Nancy Quesenberry, Ira Sanders, Lynn Solomon, John Tumasonis.
67 species, 947 individuals.

August 9, Sunday (GMT)
Genesee Mountain Park
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer
0745-1400, 20 miles by car, zero miles on foot.
Overcast to partly cloudy, calm, 55-80°F.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, George Coffee, Dave Compton. 25 species, 149 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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August 15, Saturday **(GUI)**
Guanella Pass to include Bailey and Georgetown
Leader: Dick Schottler
0830-1520, 35 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 55-75°F.
Observers: Mary Dexter, Peggy Gonder, Ingrid Huskey, Ellie Jones, Alberta Nelson, Sue Schulman, Annette Steinbach.
30 species, 126 individuals.

August 16, Sunday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park
Leader: Jackie King
0730-1030, zero miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 57-80°F.
Observers: Leroy Crotts, Jean Maguire.
37 species, 146 individuals.

August 16, Sunday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ruth Breckon
1800-2000, zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to cloudy, calm, 78-80°F.
Observers: Mike Barber, Rose Barber, Dave Compton. 21 species, 304 individuals.

August 22, Saturday **(REP)**
Reynolds Park
Leaders: Betty and Harold Oliver
0800-1200, 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south, 56-80°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Peggy Gonder, Frank Hatch, Nancy Hatch.
22 species, 114 individuals.

August 23, Sunday **(GGC)**
Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0615-1600, 52 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear to cloudy, wind north 0-4 mph, 59-90°F.
Observers: Tammy Ferreira, Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Carol Haskell, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Toni Rautus, Ira Sanders.
51 species, 407 individuals.

August 29, Saturday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Joey Kellner
0530-1630, 220 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-5 mph, 57-94°F.
Observers: Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Greg Goodrich, Larry Modesitt, Joe Roller, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Steve Sheridan, Laura Watson, Wayne Watson.
91 species, 2,703 individuals.

August 30, Sunday **(LLA)**
Lower Latham to include Prospect, Klug and Ireland Reservoirs
Leader: David LaLiberte
0730-1730, 144 miles by car, 0.10 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 1-13 mph, 63-97°F. Observers: Ruth Bull, Alex Cringan, Patty Echelmeyer, Paul Mackenzie, Richard Mendez, Diana Mullineaux, Chris Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Toni Rautus, Lynn Solomon. 68 species, 1,288 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 4, Tuesday **(MTF)**
Mount Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers.
0900-1200, 6 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy to rain, calm, 65-70°F.
19 species, 43 individuals.

August 11, Tuesday **(SIL)**
Silverthorne-Blue River Quaking Creek Access and Blue River Campground, City of Dillon Picnic Area
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 12 observers.
0830-1330, 26 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 65-70°F.
20 species, 60 individuals.

August 18, Tuesday **(LOV)**
Evergreen Walmart, Loveland Pass, Breckenridge and French Creek
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
0830-1300, 95 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear to cloudy-thunderstorms, wind southeast 0-7 mph, 60°F. 18 species, 107 individuals.

August 25, Tuesday **(CON)**
Conifer, Kenosha Pass to High Creek Preserve and Milligan Lakes
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 9 observers.
0830-1530, 143 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy to sunny to cloudy, light breeze, 65-82°F.
30 species, 543 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES

Why do some woodpeckers disperse ants on their back? Bird Behavior Basics
Evening classroom sessions October 28, November 5, and November 11. All sessions 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Learn hows and whys of migration and about bird adaptations. Call Tina Jones instructor, 303-794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee $30 for Audubon members, $35 for non-members. To register call Becky Beckers, 303-766-5266.

Of Loons, Mergansers, Swans and Waterfowl
For beginners and beyond. Identification and natural history of these birds an emphasis. Field trip Saturday, November 7. Hopefully we'll see scoters. Trip may be to Pueblo if birds are better there. Call Tina Jones instructor for more information, 303-794-2647. Offered through Denver Museum of Natural History. Call museum to register, 303-370-6304.

Wildlife Watch, a wildlife viewing skills workshop
Master new outdoor skills through this activity filled, introductory wildlife viewing skills workshop!

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- Be a detective and interpret wildlife signs
- Eight hours of classroom lessons and activities, including a field trip
- Three sessions in September, **one in October**
- $30 per person, or $40 per family (designed for ages over 12)

For information, or reservations call the Colorado Division of Wildlife Watchable Wildlife Program 303-291-7258.

JONES OPENS YARD AUGUST-OCTOBER

Anyone interested in seeing a songbird, hummingbird, butterfly backyard habitat may view Tina Jones' much publicized yard during the months of August, September and October. Tina had Calliopes in her yard this year for up to 15 days, a result of her plantings. Remember, though, hummingbirds are scarce in October.

But, feel free to come by anytime between 7:00 am and 8:30 pm. Instructions for observers and birders are found on the patio. Please do not call or knock on the door.

Exit US-285 (Hampden Ave.) at Sheridan Blvd. Go south on Sheridan through the stoplight at W. Quincy Ave. Turn right on Sunset and go west to Bow Mar Dr. Turn right on Bow Mar to 4400 Bow Mar Dr. Please park on the paved area of the driveway, not the dirt section. Bring other friends and birdwatching groups.

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CB's for use on club trips. They can be helpful on long rides or with large groups. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

COLORADO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The *Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas* will come out late this fall!

Ten years in the making, this 624 page book describes the breeding distribution and biology of 265 species of birds that breed in Colorado. It has chapters on Colorado ecosystems, post-settlement changes in Colorado habitats, Colorado ornithologists, and a 16-page folio with color photographs of Colorado habitats, nests, nestlings, and fledglings.

Prepublication price is $29.95 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling (a $5.00 savings). All DFO members will receive prepublication order forms later in the summer. Deadline for prepublication orders will be November 1, 1998.

For more information contact Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723.

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NATIONAL GRASSLAND

This *free* 108 page Forest Service publication includes black-and-white photos, tables and a guide to the birds of the grasslands in extreme southwest Kansas, adjacent to Comanche National Grassland in Colorado. For a copy write USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain. Forest and Range Experiment Station, 240 W. Prospect Rd., Ft. Collins, CO 80526.

NEWSLETTER LATE?

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

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SPECIES	1 CSP	2 SNT	5 SHT	8 BAR	8-9 GJA	9 GMP	15 GUI	16 PRP	16 WRG	22 REP	23 GGC	29 NEC	30 LLA	4 MTF	11 SIL	18 LOV	25 CON
Pied-billed Grebe				1								6	6				
Horned Grebe													1				3
Western Grebe				11								4	17				
Clark's Grebe													2				
American White Pelican			2	5								162	65				
Double-crested Cormorant	12	1	2	18				1	41			11	22				
Great Blue Heron	1			8	1							72	7				
Great Egret													1				
Snowy Egret				15									4				
Cattle Egret												1	17				
Black-crowned Night-Heron				9								1					
White-faced Ibis												1					
Canada Goose	30	6		65	2			8	79			102	205			26	
Wood Duck												13					
Green-winged Teal													2				
Mallard	12	3	8	6					54		13	49	10			13a6i	220
Blue-winged Teal												130					
"Blue-winged" teal species													15				
Northern Shoveler												1					
Gadwall									11				1				25
American Wigeon													1				
Redhead													6				
Ring-necked Duck																	6
Ruddy Duck																	20
Turkey Vulture	1	3			10	6	1			1							
Osprey	2																
Bald Eagle				1								1					
Northern Harrier												1	2				1
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1												
Cooper's Hawk												2					
Accipter species					2	1											
Swainson's Hawk	1	2		11	2					1		5	24				7
Red-tailed Hawk Western races					5		1	1		3	1	8	2				2
Ferruginous Hawk													1				
Golden Eagle					2			1			1a						
American Kestrel		1		5								10	8				
Merlin											1						
Peregrine Falcon				1													

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Ring-necked Pheasant												1	1				
Gambel's Quail					25												
American Coot				10					3			1	22				51
Killdeer	5		1					1				85	97				2
American Avocet												2	24				
Greater Yellowlegs												2					
Lesser Yellowlegs												1	3				
Solitary Sandpiper								2				4	1				
Spotted Sandpiper	2		1	1								3					
Marbled Godwit												2					
Semipalmated Sandpiper												5					
Western Sandpiper												3	30				
Least Sandpiper												100					
Baird's Sandpiper												500	5				
"Peep" species													2				
Pectoral Sandpiper												1					
Stilt Sandpiper												70					
Common Snipe													1			1	
Wilson's Phalarope												35					7
Franklin's Gull												407	54				
Ring-billed Gull	6	4	1						9			77	12				
California Gull	1											6					
Gull species						1							7				
Forster's Tern												9					
Black Tern												7					
Rock Dove		4	7	4	80	3		1			26	33	5				
Band-tailed Pigeon			32				1				1						
Mourning Dove	10	3		8	40	2		5	7			115	35				
Great Horned Owl												1	2				
Burrowing Owl												1	12				
Common Nighthawk	2				3			1	2			1					
White-throated Swift					10												
Black-chinned Hummingbird					3												
Calliope Hummingbird			5				1										
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2	60	44		6	14	14			6	11			2	3	8	
Rufous Hummingbird		2	17			1	2	1						1		1	
Belted Kingfisher	2											1	1		1		
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Red-naped Sapsucker										1j							
Williamson's Sapsucker											1i						
Downy Woodpecker	1			3				1				3	1				
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race						3					2	2					
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	4			7	3		4	1	7		4	9	1		2		1
Olive-sided Flycatcher							1					3					
Western Wood-Pewee	21	3		3	4	8	6	3		2	4	5					
Dusky Flycatcher			5														
Gray Flycatcher					7												
Cordilleran Flycatcher			3				1				1						
Empidonax species											1	1		1			
Say's Phoebe					6								1				
Western Kingbird				8	6			2				15	15		1		4
Eastern Kingbird	1			16				1				21	4				
Horned Lark					4							1	10				22
Tree Swallow			6					1									
Violet-green Swallow		75	2		2	20	12				33				5	3	
No. Rough-winged Swallow	1	10											6				
Bank Swallow	1											5	7				
Cliff Swallow	250			10				1	6							2	25
Barn Swallow	5	1	5	5	100		2	3	2	2	50	57	65	3		1	2
Swallow species																	12
Gray Jay			1														
Steller's Jay		5	10		1		9			4	8			2	6		1
Blue Jay									1			36	1h				
Western Scrub-Jay					3						1						
Pinyon Jay					50												
Clark's Nutcracker			5														
Black-billed Magpie	3	4	4	4	13	12	1	2	13	21	3	2	6		1	1	2
American Crow		1	10			8	2		2		2		3	1	4	15	14
Common Raven		2	1		6	1	3			3	2			2			6
Black-capped Chickadee	15	6	1	12			1	2	1		8	14	1h	5	2		
Mountain Chickadee		15			6	20	8	1		21	8			4	1	1	6
Juniper Titmouse					10												
Bushtit					50												
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2			1	5				10	3			1			
White-breasted Nuthatch		10			6	1	1	1			1			1			

	1	2	5	8	8-9	9	15	16	16	22	23	29	30	4	11	18	25
SPECIES	CSP	SNT	SHT	BAR	GJA	GMP	GUI	PRP	WRG	REP	GGC	NEC	LLA	MTF	SIL	LOV	CON
Pygmy Nuthatch		1			18	6	15										
Brown Creeper					6	1					1						
Rock Wren	1				25						1						
Canyon Wren					5						1						
Bewick's Wren					6												
House Wren	15			6	20			4		3	8	24		10	2		
American Dipper															2		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			4														
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4				6							2					
Western Bluebird		4			20		10										
Mountain Bluebird		3			25		4				16			1			12
Townsend's Solitaire		1	2		1						1						
Swainson's Thrush												1					
Hermit Thrush																1	
American Robin	1	6	6	4	30	16	3	25	8	14	3	22	2	1	5		
Gray Catbird											1						
Northern Mockingbird					2							1					
Sage Thrasher					5												
Brown Thrasher												9					
American Pipit																3	
Cedar Waxwing	8									3							
Loggerhead Shrike					5							1	2				1
European Starling	2			10	100			6	3		50	280	235				
Gray Vireo					8												
Cassin's Vireo												1					
Plumbeous Vireo					1												
Warbling Vireo	3				1										3		
Orange-crowned Warbler								3									
Virginia's Warbler			1		1						2			1			
Yellow Warbler	5			4	2			6			2	10			7	1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1		2	1	3				2						1
Black-throated Gray Warbler					4												
Townsend's Warbler												1					
Black-throated Green Warbler												1					
American Redstart	2																
Ovenbird												1					
MacGillivray's Warbler														2			
Common Yellowthroat	1			1h								6					
Wilson's Warbler			2				1	1			3	13			3		

SPECIES	1 CSP	2 SNT	5 SHT	8 BAR	8-9 GJA	9 GMP	15 GUI	16 PRP	16 WRG	22 REP	23 GGC	29 NEC	30 LLA	4 MTF	11 SIL	18 LOV	25 CON
Yellow-breasted Chat	3																
Western Tanager					1					1	3						
Black-headed Grosbeak	2	3	8									2					
Lazuli Bunting	3										8						
Green-tailed Towhee										1				1			
Spotted Towhee	6				2						4						
Cassin's Sparrow			50														
Chipping Sparrow	1	2		11	8	8	2		-	10	16	3					
Clay-colored Sparrow												3					
Brewer's Sparrow					1							2	6				
Vesper Sparrow		2			4							1	4				2
Lark Sparrow					4			2				6	13		7		1
Lark Bunting			3									3					
Grasshopper Sparrow	3																
Song Sparrow	4		3								1				1	2	
Lincoln's Sparrow			2														
White-crowned Sparrow "Dark-lored" races		2	3				4									14	
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race		8	11		1	3	5				3				3		
Red-winged Blackbird	4	12		28	2			20	5			13	15				77
Western Meadowlark	8			2	10							4	2				2
Yellow-headed Blackbird												40	45				
Brewer's Blackbird			1								2		1		1		7
Great-tailed Grackle												4	7				
Common Grackle	7			20				4	4			5	2				
Brown-headed Cowbird								2			1		1				1
Bullock's Oriole	1			1	1			4				2					
Cassin's Finch										1							
House Finch	1	6	2		150		1	1	10		2	2	2				
Red Crossbill						1											
Pine Siskin		25	47			6	7			1	18			2		7	
Lesser Goldfinch	10				10	1		4		10	45						
American Goldfinch	20			10				18	21	1	24	2	25	2			
Evening Grosbeak		1	8														
House Sparrow			2	12	30			3	15		2		71			1	
TOTAL SPECIES	49	37	41	38	67	25	30	37	21	22	51	91	68	19	20	18	30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	506	299	330	356	947	149	126	146	304	114	407	2703	1288	43	60	107	543

ADDITIONAL REPORTS AUGUST 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	8/1	1b	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Brandon, Percival, Tony Leukering, Christopher Wood
Great Egret	8/14	12a	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tina Jones, Paul Priest Verla Priest
Snowy Egret	8/14	6a, 5i	Timnath Reservoir	Larimer	TJ
Little Blue Heron	8/1	1j	Lochbuie	Adams	BP, TL, CW
	8/14	1	Timnath Reservoir	Larimer	TJ
Green Heron	8/1	1	Red Lion SWA	Logan	BP, TL, CW
Red-breasted Merganser	8/7	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Turkey Vulture	8/29	3	Antero Reservoir	Park	TL, Sue Bonfield
Osprey	8/26	1n	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Peregrine Falcon	8/11	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, Mark Janos
	8/22-23	1j	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	TL, Marshall Illif, Joe Fontaine
	8/26	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Blue Grouse	8/15	7	Wet Mountains	Custer	BP, mo
White-tailed Ptarmigan	8/1	1m	Mount Evans Rd.	Clear Creek	BP, TL, CW
Black-bellied Plover	8/1	1a	West of Sterling	Logan	TL, BP, CW
Upland Sandpiper	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ, Bob Dickson
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/2-7	1-3	Near Barr Lake State Park	Adams	TL, CW
Short-billed Dowitcher	8/25	1j	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	TL
Red-necked Phalarope	8/29	1	Rocky Ford sewage ponds	Otero	BP, MJ, BD
Common Tern	8/11	1	Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ
	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, BD
Least Tern	8/29	2a, 1j	Ft. Lyon Rds. HH and 16	Bent	BP, MJ, BD
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8/21	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, BD
White-winged Dove	8/21	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, BD
Barn Owl	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP
	8/29	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ, BD
	8/29	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	BP
Calliope Hummingbird	8/15	1f	Wetmore	Custer	BP
	8/6	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	TJ
	8/24	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	TJ
	8/28	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	TJ
Red-bellied Woodpecker	8/1	3	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	BP, TL, CW
Red-naped Sapsucker	8/23	1m	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Olive-sided Flycatcher	8/27	1	2358 So. Fillmore St.	Denver	Bob Righter
Least Flycatcher	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP
Hammond's Flycatcher	8/30	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Ash-throated flycatcher	8/26	1	Valco ponds	Pueblo	BP
Great Crested Flycatcher	8/21	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP, BD
	8/29	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	MJ
Pinyon Jay	8/15	1	Temple Canyon Park	Fremont	BP, mo
Clark's Nutcracker	8/16	25	Penrose	Fremont	BP, mo
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8/20	2	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	TL
Bell's Vireo	8/1	1	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	BP
Cassin's Vireo	8/27	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD, Gene Rutherford, Leon Bright
Tennessee Warbler	8/29	2i	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ, BD
	8/30	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Orange-crowned Warbler	8/9	1	Lake Isabel	Custer	BP, MJ
	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ
Townsend's Warbler	8/21	1	2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
	8/28	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Black-throated Green Warbler	8/30	1i	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ, BD
Prairie Warbler	8/21	1im	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	TL, Glenn Giroir
	8/23-24	1f or i	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	BP, mo
	8/30	1f or i	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	MJ, mo
Black-and-white Warbler	8/25	2f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
American Redstart	8/9	1am	Colorado City	Pueblo	BP, MJ
	8/18	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	8/28	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
	8/29	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ, BD
	8/29	1fym	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ, BD
	8/30	1fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Prothonotary Warbler	8/30	1a	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	MJ, mo
Ovenbird	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	MJ, BD
Northern Waterthrush	8/18	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	8/22-23	1 to 2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, MJ
	8/25	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	GG
	8/28	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
	8/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ
	8/30	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	GG
Hooded Warbler	8/29	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	MJ
Great-tailed Grackle	8/30	39	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	TL, Sharon Dooley
Orchard Oriole	8/25-30	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Red Crossbill	8/23	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, b breeding plumage, c calling, s singing, n nesting

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

October 3, Saturday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Mort Staatz, 303-279-6169
Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Lake Park in Wheat Ridge, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 4, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Recreation Area
Leader: Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351
Meet leader at 0830 just inside west gate to park east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 10, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Kathy Hawkins, 303-969-8909
Meet leader at 0730 at fee station inside west entrance to park off So. Wadsworth Blvd. 1.5 miles south of C470. Always good birding. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 11, Sunday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park
Leader: David Quesenberry, 303-796-7603
Meet at 0800 at park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker go south on Parker Rd. (CO-83) 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. This trip good for new members and novice birders. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 17, Saturday **(BLD)**
Boulder
Leader: Bob Jickling, 303-499-4977
Meet at 0900 at Department of Commerce parking lot, 325 Broadway in Boulder. From US-36 go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left and continue to Broadway (light). Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds, to parking lot on the right. Trip will probably end mid-afternoon. Bring lunch.

October 18, Sunday **(SPP)**
South Platte Park
Leader: Sue Schulman, 303-773-3540
Meet at 0800 at Carson Nature Center in park. This trip good for new members and novice birders. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 24, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: David Rhoades, 303-424-8633
Meet at 0800 at nature center in the park. This trip good for new members and novice birders. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 25, Sunday **(WAN)**
South Platte River wanderings, Belleview to Alameda
Leaders: Bob and Martha Montgomery
303-771-4572
Meet at 0800 at Federal Blvd. and Belleview Ave., just north of the Taco Bell on the northwest corner. Lots of waterfowl, easy walking. This trip good for new members and novice birders.
Remember, Daylight Savings Time is off today!

October 31, Saturday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194
Call leader if going.

November 1, Sunday **(HUT)**
Hutton Lake NWR
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Meet leader at 0600 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and come prepared for a long, adventurous day. Lake Hutton is a small, but beautiful refuge south of Laramie, Wyoming. Time permitting, we'll do Lake Hattie Reservoir, as well. High clearance, or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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Member Slide Night (see announcement)
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September 5, Saturday (LNG)
Longmont area to include Jim Hamm Park, Union Reservoir and Little Gaynor Lake
Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens
0730-1230. 27 miles by car. 0.10 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 80-90°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Jeff Carter, Gail Evans, Connie Johnson, Jan Limon, Chuck Lowrie, Geri Lundsberg, Dick Pratt, Jim Wesorick, Nancy Wesorick.
52 species, 2,822 individuals.

September 7, Monday Labor Day (WCL)
Boulder, Weld and Larimer County lakes and wetlands
Leaders: Bill and Inez Prather
0800-1600. 87 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Hazy to clear, 70-85°F.
Observers: Dotty Dittmar, Lou Dittmar, Ivan Getting, Frank Hatch, Nancy Hatch, Chuck Lowrie, Chris Owens, Amy Young.
62 species, 4,620 individuals.

September 19, Saturday (RRP)
Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon Parks
Leader: Lynn Willcockson
0800-1500. 17 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind variable 5-15 mph, 60-80°F.
Observers: Dotty Dittmar, Lou Dittmar, Sue Kane, Sig Nelson, Karleen Schofield.
36 species, 163 individuals.

September 20, Sunday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0630-1500. 14 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southeast 4-19 mph, 50-85°F.
Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Beverlee Guild, Frank Hatch, Nancy Hatch, Joey Kellner, Ann Lee, Regina Reynolds, Lynn Solomon.
61 species, 656 individuals.

September 26, Saturday (RIG)
Rigli Ranch
Leader: Joe Rigli
0900-1400. 7 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northeast 0-12 mph, 48-80°F.
Observers: Veronica Grennan, Mike Gretch, Miranda Herrera, Samantha Herrera, Jack Reddall. 40 species, 289 individuals.

September 27, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Park
Leader: J.B. Hayes
0800-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 41-69°F.
Observers: Beverlee Guild, Ann Lee, Toni Rautus. 36 species, 618 individuals.

September 26-27, Saturday-Sunday (PUE)
Otero and Crowley County lakes on Saturday
Pueblo County on Sunday
Leader: Brandon Percival

THE LARK BUNTING

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0630-1900 Saturday, 0630-1700 Sunday.
325 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind variable to 10 mph, 49-90°F.
Observers: Leon Bright, Sherry Chapman, Bob Dickson, Todd Dilley, Kathy Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Peter Gaede, BB Hahn, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Dick Maxfield, George McKinnon, Carolyn Mettler, Mark Mettler, Stan Oswald, Gene Rutherford, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Steve Sheridan, David Silverman, Drew Smith (Minnesota), Lynn Solomon, Joyce Takamine (New Mexico), Mark Yaeger, Randy Yeun.
156 species, 15,291 individuals.

1998 FALL COUNT

September 12, Saturday

Lower Bear Creek ***(LBC)***
Leader: Bob Spencer
0700-1400. Cloudy to clear, wind southwest 0-5 mph, 50-80°F. Observers: Bobbie Ausfahl, Ron Carter, Bob Frager, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Mort Staatz. 45 species, 2,171 individuals.

Waterton ***(WAT)***
Leader: Hugh Kingery
0645-1300. Weather clear.
Observers: Mary Burger, Bev Dugay, Ellie Jones, Sue Kane, Urling Kingery, Paul Slingsby, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
66 species, 952 individuals.

Chatfield State Park ***(CSP)***
Leader: Joey Kellner
0630-1840. 30 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to cloudy and afternoon rain, wind northwest 5 mph, 61-90°F. Observers: Randy Lentz, Martin Litke, Mildred Litke, Jim Newell.
81 species, 916 individuals.

Barr Lake State Park ***(BAR)***
Leader: Dick Schottler
0630-1600. Zero miles by car. 10.5 miles on foot.
Clear to cloudy in afternoon, wind north to west 0-20 mph, 60-85°F. Observers: Ed Holub, Dick Pratt, Marta Vera, Bill Wenoker.
75 species, 3,037 individuals.

September 13, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park ***(CAC)***
Leader: Randy Lentz
0600-1700. 25 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to partly cloudy, 45-85°F.
Observers: Peggy Gonder, Lynn Solomon.
58 species, 879 individuals.

Barr Lake Periphery ***(BLP)***
Leader: Jackie King
0630-1730. 92 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear and calm morning, thunderstorms afternoon, wind north 0-20 mph, 45-85°F.
Observers: Richard Mendez, Chris Owens.
63 species, 5,178 individuals.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal ***(RMA)***
Leader: Urling Kingery
0630-1630. Weather clear.
Observers: Frank Hatch, Nancy Hatch, Hugh Kingery, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider.
76 species, 1,297 individuals.

Cherry Creek Reservoir ***(CCR)***
Leader: Bob Brown
0700-1315. 16 miles by car. 6.0 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind calm to variable 0-5 mph, 55-75°F. Observers: Mary C. Burger, Dave Compton, Sue Schulman.
60 species, 602 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

Sept. 1, Tuesday *Cancelled inclement weather*

September 8, Tuesday **(UWR)**
Jeffco Open Space Upper White Ranch Park-Longhorn Trail
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers.
0800-1200. 8 miles by car. 1.75 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-5 mph, 70-85°F.
26 species, 124 individuals.

September 15, Tuesday **(LLA)**
Los Lagos (private property) near Rollinsville
Leaders: Else Van Erpe, Phyllis Baldwin.
19 observers. 0900-1200.
2 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. Clear to partly cloudy, wind east 0-5 mph, 44-62°F.
25 species, 95 individuals.

September 22, Tuesday **(CON)**
Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail-East Side
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 15 observers.
0900-1430. Zero miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 48-65°F.
21 species, 141 individuals.

September 29, Tuesday **(KEN)**
Kenosha Pass, Boreas Pass, Breckenridge, Hoosier Pass
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.
0900-1500. 140 miles by car. Zero miles on foot.
Clear to cloudy and rain, wind variable 0-5 mph, 55-62°F. 11 species, 75 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

CLASSES

Why do some woodpeckers disperse ants on their back? Bird Behavior Basics
Evening classroom sessions October 28, November 5, and November 11. All sessions 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Learn hows and whys of migration and about bird adaptations. Call Tina Jones instructor, 303-794-2647 for more information. Offered through Denver Audubon. Fee $30 for Audubon members, $35 for non-members. To register call Becky Beckers, 303-766-5266.

Of Loons, Mergansers, Swans and Waterfowl
For beginners and beyond. Identification and natural history of these birds an emphasis. Field trip Saturday, November 7. Hopefully we'll see scoters. Trip may be to Pueblo if birds are better there. Call Tina Jones instructor for more information, 303-794-2647. Offered through Denver Museum of Natural History. Call museum to register, 303-370-6304.

MEMBER SLIDE NIGHT

The Wednesday, November 4, DFO Meeting will feature member slides. Members who would like to show five to ten slides please contact David Quesenberry before the meeting at 303-796-7603, or at *beqrqry@aol.com.*

COLORADO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The *Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas* will come out late this fall!

Ten years in the making, this 624-page book describes the breeding distribution and biology of 265 species of birds that breed in Colorado. It has chapters on Colorado ecosystems, post-settlement changes in Colorado habitats, Colorado ornithologists, and a 16-page folio with color photographs of Colorado habitats, nests, nestlings, and fledglings.

Prepublication price is $29.95 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling (a $5.00 saving). All DFO members received prepublication order forms about October 1. Deadline for prepublication orders is November 1, 1998.

For more information contact Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723.

NEW EDITOR TEAM

Lea Ann Brown is hanging up her editor hat effective January 1999. The Officers and Directors are putting together a team to take over the editing of the *Lark Bunting*. Details in the November issue.

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately $1,000 to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is at back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOE TENBRINK MEMORIAL FUND

Virginia Bleck

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AL HAY MEMORIAL FUND

Virginia Bleck, Randy Lentz, Jean Maguire

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill Wenokor, 3280 47th St. #207B, Boulder, 80301, 303-444-1208

SEPTEMBER 1998	5	7	19	20	26	27	26-7	8	15	22	29	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13
SPECIES	LNG	WCL	RRP	CSP	RIG	ROX	PUE	UWR	LLA	CON	KEN	LBC	WAT	CSP	BAR	CAC	BLP	RMA	CCR
Common Loon												1							
Pied-billed Grebe	12	30		2			4					2	15	7	5		2	49	
Eared Grebe				10			1					4							
Western Grebe	70	100					51							2	40				15
Clark's Grebe	3	20					350								1				1
American White Pelican	19	100					20							2	225		22	2	6
Double-crested Cormorant	1	30		24			23					24	12	13	12		7		15
American Bittern																	1		
Great Blue Heron	19	50		16	1		22		2			7	18	15	50		27	1	6
Great Egret	8	31													1				
Snowy Egret		1													8		3		
Cattle Egret							35												
Green Heron							1i												
Black-crowned Night-Heron		3		1			2						6		5		6		2
White-faced Ibis							20												
Snow Goose, white morph							1												
Canada Goose	720	1000		53			44					189	22	18	485		20	109	25
Wood Duck							45						2					1	
Green-winged Teal	21	50		1	8		125						33	10	180				15
Mallard	20	200	3	28			122		4			163	13	11	210	2	460	36	15
Northern Pintail							25								5			1	
Blue-winged Teal							110							4			6		
Cinnamon Teal							10										1		
"Blue-winged" teal species		20		26											31			30	
Northern Shoveler	2	10		6			180								500		1	12	1
Gadwall		4					55					11	1		2			1	2
American Wigeon	154	8					80					6			6		1	22	
Redhead	1	1					25					24			2			2	
Lesser Scaup																			
Bufflehead																		2	
Duck species													150					75	
Common Merganser				8								9	5	8					1
Ruddy Duck	1	1					15								90			2	2

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Turkey Vulture	1	40	2	1		12	40	3		1		2	1			65	1	5	
Osprey	1	2		1			7					1		1					1
Bald Eagle												1		1	2a1i			1i	
Northern Harrier	1	1			4	1	3				1				1		3	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1		2		1								1		
Cooper's Hawk							2			1						1			
Broad-winged Hawk						1													
Swainson's Hawk	5	10			1		4					2		1	14	4	780	4	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	1	4		1			2	1	2	2	1	1		5	2	11	
Western races					2		16								2				
Ferruginous Hawk		2	1												2		1	1	
Buteo species								1											
Golden Eagle						1	1										1		
American Kestrel	8	5	3	2	2	1	14					3	4	2	11	2	14	3	
Peregrine Falcon						1								1					
Prairie Falcon			2			1	1									2	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant							5								3				
Blue Grouse								6											
Scaled Quail							51												
Virginia Rail		2					1						6	12				3	6h
Sora							1						2					1	6
American Coot	104	1000		23			950			23		600		7	270		60	165	18
Black-bellied Plover							1								1				
Killdeer	9	100		18	25		342					5	5	78	73	1	21	11	15
American Avocet		4					121							1	2				
Greater Yellowlegs		1					7								2			1	
Lesser Yellowlegs		20					11										4		
Solitary Sandpiper							1								3				2
Spotted Sandpiper		1		3			5					1		4	2				
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1					1								1				
Western Sandpiper							1												
Least Sandpiper		1					11							2					2
Baird's Sandpiper	5	20			2		22								78				

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Pectoral Sandpiper					2		4												
Stilt Sandpiper		2		6			1											1	
Long-billed Dowitcher							210												
Common Snipe							3										5	3	6
Wilson's Phalarope							62												
Red-necked Phalarope							6												
Laughing Gull							1fw												
Franklin's Gull	355	50					2500								2				2
Ring-billed Gull	341	300		38			161					107	3	26	95		71		35
California Gull		3		13			11					7		7	1				2
Great Black-backed Gull																			1
Sabine's Gull							3j							2				1	1
Gull species						3												1	
Common Tern							7												
Forster's Tern	7						6							5	20				
Sterna species																			3
Rock Dove	5	3	7	2		6	248					38	3	3	9	25	770	21	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove							14												
Mourning Dove	13	100		48	20	2	182					24	54	84	65	10	81	67	12
Inca Dove							1												
Barn Owl					1		1											3	
Eastern Screech-Owl																		1	
Great Horned Owl	1						2							1	1	2h	1	7	
Burrowing Owl							5										22	2	
Long-eared Owl																		1	
Common Nighthawk							2											1	
Common Poorwill																3h			
Chimney Swift							11												
White-throated Swift			22																
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							1m		1					2					
Belted Kingfisher				5	1		10					6	6	6	3		2		2
Lewis' Woodpecker							3												
Red-headed Woodpecker							1a												

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Red-naped Sapsucker							1f												
Downy Woodpecker						1	8	2	1	1			5	8	6	4	1		1
Eastern race				3														8	
"Rocky Mountain" race			1									2							
Hairy Woodpecker							1	1	2									1	
"Rocky Mountain" race			2																
Northern Flicker "Red shaft"			6	15	15	12	33	3	1	1		33	16	19	9	11	2	9	2
"Yellow-shafted" race							1												
Olive-sided Flycatcher																		2	
Western Wood-Pewee							2						2	10	2		3	10	1
Hammond's Flycatcher							1												
Cordilleran Flycatcher														2					
Empidonax species													153		1			13	
Eastern Phoebe					1														
Say's Phoebe			4		1		2									2			
Cassin's Kingbird					5		1												
Western Kingbird	5	1					2					2	8	10	5	11	19	69	5
Eastern Kingbird	2						1							3				3	
Horned Lark				1	15		21							2			79	2	
Bank Swallow																			
Tree Swallow							1						1						
Violet-green Swallow								12					20	22					1
No. Rough-winged Swallow	2											10				1			1
Bank Swallow																			5
Cliff Swallow							6										2		15
Barn Swallow	8	100		6	50		6270	3	5			55	14	40	150	6	120	6	150
Swallow species										30									
Gray Jay											8								
Steller's Jay			3			4		5	7	2						12			
Blue Jay	1	8		5		60	23					11	3			4		11	1h
Western Scrub-Jay			8			25							6			10			
Pinyon Jay						40										5h			
Clark's Nutcracker										17									

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Black-billed Magpie	1	2	8	36	1	9	75	2		2		66	3	61	23	150	48	46	12
American Crow			1	12			29	1	1	3		10	3			20			2
Chihuahuan Raven							46												
Common Raven			3	4		5	2	3	2	2	5			1		4			
Black-capped Chickadee		4	7	16		14	40		2			15	31	49	16	21	2	27	10
Mountain Chickadee			4				1	1	5	8	6					14			
Red-breasted Nuthatch			4			1	6	1	1							25			
White-breasted Nuthatch			2	1			1	1	2	1			1	2		16			
Pygmy Nuthatch			10					1		2									
Brown Creeper			3				1												
Rock Wren				2	1		3							2		1	4	14	1
Canyon Wren			2													2			
Bewick's Wren							4												
House Wren	1			4	1		5						8	7	4	8		14	2
American Dipper																			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1		10		2						1	1			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						1								2		4	3	1	
Western Bluebird								5								1			
Mountain Bluebird			7				1	20	25	3	4					8			
Townsend's Solitaire			4	1			3												
Hermit Thrush							2											1	
American Robin	3		3	18	6	250	45	20			3	136	62	41	17	28	7	6	2
Gray Catbird				1			2						8	13		2			2h
Northern Mockingbird							2								3			1	
Sage Thrasher														3				12	
Brown Thrasher					1		2												
Curve-billed Thrasher							1												
American Pipit														1					
Cedar Waxwing							2						1	21					
Loggerhead Shrike					2		2							1			1	1	
European Starling	4	500	7	90	7		900				35	236	24	15	53	20	586	81	20
Plumbeous Vireo							2			1				1		1		2	

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Cassin's Vireo							1											1	
Yellow-throated Vireo							1												
Warbling Vireo				1			1										1	2	
Red-eyed Vireo						1													
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	1	2	26						2	3	6	2		9	
Virginia's Warbler																1			
Yellow Warbler	2												20	3	1		1	2	
Black-throated Blue Warbler							1f												
Yellow-rumped Warbler								3	7	30					1				
"Audubon's" race			2		12		65											1	
"Myrtle" race						1	15												
Townsend's Warbler							2												
American Redstart							1f						3		1				
Northern Waterthrush													1						
Common Yellowthroat		3										2	31	5	3		7	2	1
Wilson's Warbler				5	5	7	45		1				48	9	9	5	2	4	
Yellow-breasted Chat							1						1	3					
Scarlet Tanager																		1	
Western Tanager						1	5						3	3		3			
Black-headed Grosbeak													1			1			
Blue Grosbeak							1							1	9			3	
Lazuli Bunting				1			1							4		1		1	
Green-tailed Towhee			1	1			4	1								2		13	
Spotted Towhee			6	2		30	3						3	10		45			
Canyon Towhee							9												
Chipping Sparrow	20	4	6		10	45	50	4	6				16	9	80	40	5	62	5
Clay-colored Sparrow		1		1			5						2	7		5			
Brewer's Sparrow				2	5	18	1						1	9	3		2	8	10
Field Sparrow							4										1		
Spizella species																		102	
Vesper Sparrow	3	20		3	30		57	1	1			19	2	3	2	70	250	63	5
Lark Sparrow		10					7						1	7	1	35	42	3	2
Lark Bunting	6f	6			1		1						8	4			70	24	

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SPECIES	LNG	WCL	RRP	CSP	RIG	ROX	PUE	UWR	LLA	CON	KEN	LBC	WAT	CSP	BAR	CAC	BLP	RMA	CCR
Savannah Sparrow	2	4					15	1	1			20	8	10					
Song Sparrow	2	6		2	1		6	1					23	8	1	3	5		
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			2	1		4							2					
White-crowned Sparrow				1		8	82			2	5			1	1				
...Dark lored races			1																
"Gambell's" race					6														
Dark-eyed Junco									11	8	1								
"Pink-sided" race							10												
"Gray-headed" race						1													
Bobolink							1f												
Red-winged Blackbird	765	1000		3			325					32	18	12	75	12	510	5	15
Western Meadowlark	2	4	8	32	3	1	43							56	9	26	41	46	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird	25	10					175										100		
Brewer's Blackbird				18			29					24	4	16			1		12
Great-tailed Grackle							40												
Common Grackle	2	100		14		50	70					16	1		2				30
Brown-headed Cowbird							18								3				
Cassin's Finch																4			
House Finch	3	10		1			22					38	25	5			5	7	10
Red Crossbill										2	2								
Pine Siskin			3	1				22	2				2	14		5			
Lesser Goldfinch				3			14						36	27		105			
American Goldfinch	4	3	6	7	2	1	20					5	16	12	6			2	35
House Sparrow	50	50			35		105					145	13		12		860		25
TOTAL SPECIES	52	62	36	61	40	36	156	26	25	21	11	45	66	81	75	58	63	76	60
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2822	4620	163	656	289	618	15291	124	95	141	75	2171	952	916	3037	879	5178	1287	602

ADDITIONAL REPORTS SEPTEMBER 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	9/20	1w	Lower Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/20	1w	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	9/20	1nba	Lower Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, MJ
Red-shouldered Hawk	9/25	1ic	Chatfield SP	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Broad-winged Hawk	9/26	1a, 1i	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	JK, Norm Erthal
Swainson's Hawk	9/6	65+	Rd. M, east of Campo	Baca	BP, mo
Peregrine Falcon	9/16	2	Chatfield SP	Douglas	JK
	9/20	1	Rocky Ford sewage ponds	Otero	BP, MJ
	9/20	1	Sweetwater Lake	Kiowa	BP
	9/23	1	Chatfield SP	Douglas	JK
American Golden-Plover	9/2	1aw	Rds. HH and 16	Bent	BP, Rachel Kolokoff, BB Hahn
Ruddy Turnstone	9/11	1	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	JK, NE, Ric Olson, Gene Rutherford, Dick Schottler
Red Knot	9/15	1w	Jet Lake	Kiowa	BP, Bob Dickson, Dave Silverman, Duane Nelson
	9/18	1w	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, BBH
Dunlin	9/20	1w	Jet Lake	Kiowa	BP, MJ
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9/18	2j	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, BBH
Laughing Gull	9/13	1sy	Lake Cheraw	Otero	BP, MJ
Little Gull	9/11	1j	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	JK, NE, RO, GR, DS
	9/18	1j	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, BBH
Great Black-backed Gull	9/4-30	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	9/11-14	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	BB
	9/11	2j	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	JK, NE, RO, GR, DS
	9/13-15	1j	Lake Cheraw	Otero	BP, MJ, BBH, Sherry Chapman, mo
	9/13	1j	Lake Meredith	Crowley	BP, MJ
	9/17	2j	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JK
	9/17-19	4-5j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
	9/18	4j	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, BBH
	9/20	1j	Lake Holbrook	Otero	BP, MJ
	9/22	1j	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Eurasian Collared-Dove	9/13	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ
White-winged Dove	9/2-20	1a	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ, RK, BBH
	9/20	2j	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ
Inca Dove	9/24	1c	Lake Holbrook	Otero	BP, GR
Spotted Owl	9/13	1h	Wet Mountains	Custer	BP, MJ
Common Poorwill	9/1-29	1-2h	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Black-chinned Hummingbird	9/17	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Calliope Hummingbird	9/1	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	TJ
Great Crested Flycatcher	9/4	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
	9/7	2	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP, SC
Cassin's Kingbird	9/26	1a	Castlewood SP	Douglas	HK, UK
	9/26	2a	Franktown	Douglas	HK, UK
Purple Martin	9/13	1f	Crow Cutoff Rd., near Colorado City	Pueblo	BP, MJ
Pinyon Jay	9/18	50+	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Righter
	9-18-27	5-30	Franktown	Douglas	HK, UK
	9/26	30	Castlewood SP	Douglas	HK, UK
	9/26	8	Elbert	Elbert	Jackie Dunn
Eastern Bluebird	9/6	4	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	BP, mo
Sage Thrasher	9/26	1a	Franktown	Douglas	HK, UK
Blue-headed Vireo	9/11	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/15	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, BD, DS, DN
Cassin's Vireo	9/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/11-12	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
	9/15	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	BP, BD, DS, DN
	9/23	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Red-eyed Vireo	9/4	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
	9/7	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP
	9/9-11	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo

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Tennessee Warbler	9/14	1a	Franktown	Douglas	HK, UK
Nashville Warbler	9/4	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
	9/7	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/11	1fym	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP
Townsend's Warbler	9/1	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/6	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca-Las Animas	BP, mo
	9/9	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, DS
	9/10	2m	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	TJ
	9/12	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
	9/13	1	Ophir Creek Rd.	Custer	BP, MJ
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/4	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
Blackburnian Warbler	9/1-2	1i or f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
Blackpoll Warbler	9/4	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
Black-and-white Warbler	9/4	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	BP
	9/11	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
	9/9	1	Chatfield SP	Jefferson	JK
	9/19	1f	Chatfield SP	Jefferson	BB
American Redstart	9/1	2fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
	9/2	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, RK, BBH
	9/20	1fym	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	BP, MJ
Ovenbird	9/4	2	Grove at Rds. JJ and 16	Bent	BP
	9/7	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP, SC
Northern Waterthrush	9/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/7	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP
	9/15	1	Jet Lake and Sweetwater Lake canal	Kiowa	BP, BD, DS, DN
Canada Warbler	9/4, 9/7	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP
Northern Cardinal	9/6	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca-Las Animas	BP, mo
Dickcissel	9/22	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Orchard Oriole	9/9	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, DS
White-throated Sparrow	9/21	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	9/24	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	BP, GR
	9/28	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, c calling, nb non-breeding, w winter (basic), sy second year

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

November 1, Sunday **(HUT)**
Hutton Lake NWR
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Meet leader at 0600 at the Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch and come prepared for a long, adventurous day. Lake Hutton is a small, but beautiful refuge south of Laramie, Wyoming. Time permitting, we'll visit Lake Hattie Reservoir, as well. Four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicles recommended.

November 7, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748
Meet leader at 0700 at the swim beach inside west entrance of park off So. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C470. Be prepared to walk 2.5 miles. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

November 8, Sunday **(SPP)**
South Platte Park
Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072
Meet leader at 0930 in front of the Carson Nature Center. The center is just west of So. Santa Fe Dr. off Mineral Ave. Group will take an easy hike to Cooley Lake which is normally off-limits to the public. Hike will end at 1130 and lunch is optional, but the porch in front of the center is beautiful. Dress for the weather. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 14, Saturday **(JAL)**
Jackson Lake State Recreation Area
Leader: David Quesenberry, 303-796-7603
Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at No. Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

November 15, Sunday **(BDR)**
Boulder area to include Baseline Reservoir and Walden Wildlife Area
Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661
Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of No. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave., or join group at 0900 at Cottonwood Marsh at the Walden Wildlife Area. Three-quarter day trip. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 21, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069
Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 22, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Reservoir and nearby areas
Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265
Meet leader at 0800 just inside west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from So. Yosemite St. on E. Union Ave. Three-quarter day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

November 27, Friday **(LNG)**
Longmont area
Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens 1-303-772-6048
Meet leaders at 0830 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on Co-119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to park on left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.) Lunch optional.

November 28, Saturday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ruth Breckon, 303-403-4513
Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. We will check ponds at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, as well. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 29, Sunday **(SPR)**
South Platte Riverwalk to include Riverside Cemetery to Morgan Smith Park
Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-1390
Meet leader at 0800 at the east end of the north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at No. Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Be prepared for two miles of hiking. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 303-287-1644

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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Individual or organization to receive grant _____

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Description of project:

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What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

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Amount of funding requested:

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Details of how funds will be used:

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Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

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Signature_____ Date_____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President

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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS
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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 6
Program to be Announced
NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144
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October 3, Saturday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Mort Staatz
0800-1200, 0.5 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy, calm, 48-56°F.
Observers: Warren Finch, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Charles Lawrence, Sig Nelson, Mona Reed, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters.
28 species, 343 individuals.

October 4, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Sherry Chapman
0830-1200, 6 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 46-67°F.
Observers: Todd Dilley, Tammy Ferreira, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Beverlee Guild, Ann Lee, Sue Schulman, Lynn Solomon.
47 species, 757 individuals.

October 10, Saturday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Kathy Hawkins
0730-1230, 12.2 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southwest 0-5 mph, 38-60°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Dotty Dittmar, Lou Dittmar, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Carol Haskell, Lynne Jordan, Barbara Shissler.
41 species, 533 individuals.

October 11, Sunday (PRP)
Parker Regional Park
Leader: Dave Quesenberry
0800-1120, zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind east 10 mph, 43-56°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Beverlee Guild, Ann Lee, Nancy Quesenberry.
34 species, 585 individuals.

October, 17, Saturday (BLD)
Boulder County to include Baseline Reservoir, Sombrero Pond, Walden Pond and Boulder Creek at 75th St.
Leader: Bob Jickling
0900-1300, 8 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy with intermittent light rain,
wind east 3-5 mph, 37-42°F.
Observers: Liz Bond, Chris Mendez, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz.
37 species, 1,278 individuals.

October 18, Sunday (SPP)
Carson Nature Center and South Platte Park
Leader: Sue Schulman
0800-1215, zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 36-60°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Sue Kane, Arlene Larsen, Ann Lee, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler.
35 species, 597 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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October 24, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dave Rhoades
0800-1200, zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind 0-20 mph, 40-70°F.
Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Mary Burger, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Peggy Gonder, Glenn Hageman, Connie Huyck, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters.
48 species, 2,314 individuals.

October 25, Sunday **(WAN)**
South Platte River wanderings from Belleview to Alameda and ponds in between
Leaders: Bob and Marty Montgomery
0800-1200, 6.8 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy, calm, 60-67°F.
Observers: Dotty Dittmar, Lou Dittmar, Bob Frager, Beverlee Guild, Carol Haskell, Sue Kane, Bob McFarlane, Phoebe McFarlane, Barbara Shissler, Frank Shissler.
29 species, 906 individuals.

October 31, Saturday **(RMA)**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Ed Holub
0745-1425, 24 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Overcast with drizzle early, wind east 0-3 mph, 35-38°F. Observers: George Cain, Hilda Cain, Dennis Downing, Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Ann Lee, Eleanor White.
42 species, 1,153 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 6, Tuesday **(GGC)**
Golden Gate Canyon State Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers.
0900-1300. 20 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north-northwest 5-20 mph, 42-55°F.
22 species, 98 individuals.

October 13, Tuesday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park and Bird Banding Station
Leaders: Nelda Gamble, Glenn Giroir and Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0830-1200. 2 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 50-65°F.
44 species, 671 individuals.

October 20, Tuesday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers.
0900-1200. 6.5 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.
Overcast, wind north 0-7 mph, 45-50°F.
31 species, 832 individuals.

October 27, Tuesday **(LAR)**
Lair o' the Bear Jeffco Open Space
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.
Overcast, wind variable 0-5 mph, 43-50°F.
22 species, 130 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

NEW EDITOR TEAM

The new *Lark Bunting* editorial team is in place. Dave Quesenberry is taking over as Chief Editor. He requests all material for the **January 1999** edition be forwarded to the appropriate contributing editor as follows:

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Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately $1,000 to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:
1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is at back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

COLORADO BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The *Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas* will come out late this fall. Ten years in the making, this 624-page book describes the breeding distribution and

biology of 265 species of birds that breed in Colorado.

It has chapters on Colorado ecosystems, Colorado ornithologists, and a 16-page folio with color photographs of Colorado habitats, nests, nestlings, and fledglings.

For more information contact Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS OCTOBER 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	10/26-27	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, BB Hahn
Common Loon	10/20-21	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
	10/23	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	BP
	10/24-25	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, Gene Rutherford
Double-crested Cormorant	10/20	1i	North of Silverthorne	Summit	Sue Bonfield
Surf Scoter	10/18	1if	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	PB, Todd Dilley
	10/25	1if	Lake Meredith	Crowley	BP, Mark Janos
	10/26	1if	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Hooded Merganser	10/25	1am,1f	Jerry Creek Reservoir	Mesa	Tony Leukering, Rich Levad, Glenn Giroir
Red-breasted Merganser	10/25	2	Jerry Creek Reservoir	Mesa	TL, RL, GG
Red-shouldered Hawk	10/24	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, GR
Greater Prairie-Chicken	10/2	2	---	Sedgwick	BP, mo
Virginia Rail	10/24	1	Road kill one mile up Waterton Canyon Rd.	Jefferson	Dan Bridges
	10/25	1h	Jerry Creek Reservoir	Mesa	TL, RL, GG
Dunlin	10/25-29	1-2	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	BP, MJ
	10/31	2	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	TL, John Vanderpoel, Stan Oswald
Stilt Sandpiper	10/31	1j	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	TL, JV, SO
Laughing Gull	10/4-16	1fw	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	BP, MJ, mo
Herring Gull	10/25	1i	Vega Reservoir	Mesa	TL, RL, GG
Thayer's Gull	10/21-30	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Great Black-backed Gull	10/12	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Sabine's Gull	---	---	Numerous reports, eastern plains	---	---
Common Tern	10/1	5	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Tern (cont)	10/1	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	10/17-21	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10/31	14	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ, TL, JV
White-winged Dove	10/31	1c	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ
Barn Owl	10/16	4	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	BP, Bob Dickson
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10/2	1	Ovid	Sedgwick	BP, mo
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/10	1ifB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG
Dusky Flycatcher	10/10-14	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10/16	1a	Black Forest and Woodman Rds.	El Paso	Van Truan
Barn Swallow	10/31	1	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	TL, JV, SO
Bushtit	10/25	20	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ
Marsh Wren	10/25	1	Near Jerry Creek Reservoir	Mesa	TL, RL, GG
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10/10-17	1-3	Valco Ponds/Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP
	10/11	3	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	BP, MJ, SO
	10/11	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ
Gray Catbird	10/10	1aB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG
Sprague's Pipit	10/18	1	Southeast of Julesburg	Sedgwick	TL, JV
Northern Shrike	10/24	1i	Near Fruita	Mesa	TL, RL, GG, Coen Dexter
	10/31	1i	Near Lake Meredith	Crowley	TL, JV, SO
Blue-headed Vireo	10/3	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP
Cassin's Vireo	10/5-10/7	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Philadelphia Vireo	10/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
Red-eyed Vireo	10/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
Nashville Warbler	10/1	1ifB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
	10/10	1imB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG, Larry Norris
Northern Parula	10/1	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	10/6-10	1fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/1	1if	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/12	1fym	Pueblo	Pueblo	BP, BD
Townsend's Warbler	10/1	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP
	10/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, BD
	10/15	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/12	1imB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG
American Redstart	10/3	1f	Last Chance Rest Stop	Washington	BP, BD
	10/5-10	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, mo
Ovenbird	9/30-10/5	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
	10/8	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
Yellow-breasted Chat	9/29-10/6	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10/1-10/5	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	10/5	1f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	BP
	10/8	1f	Rds. JJ and 16	Bent	BP, BD, BBH, Dave Silverman
	10/16	1f	Rds. JJ and 16	Bent	BP
Dickcissel	10/30	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	BB
Eastern Towhee	10/2	1f	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, mo
Field Sparrow	10/2	2	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	BP, mo
	10/8	5	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP, BD, BBH, DS
	10/16	2	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP, BD
Grasshopper Sparrow	10/18	1	Southeast of Julesburg	Sedgwick	TL, JV
Swamp Sparrow	10/2	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, GG
	10/8	4	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP, BD, BBH, DS
	10/13	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
	10/16	5	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP, BD
	10/20	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
	10/24	6	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP, GR
White-throated Sparrow	—	—	Numerous sightings eastern plains	—	—
Harris' Sparrow	10/16	1i	Fort Lyon area	Bent	BP
Golden-crowned Sparrow	10/19	1iB	Barr Lake SP	Adams	GG
Cassin's Finch	10/12	1fyms	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP
Evening Grosbeak	10/12	2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP

B banded, a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, c calling, w winter (basic)

OCTOBER 1998	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31	6	13	20	27
	WRG	CCR	CSP	PRP	BLD	SPP	BAR	WAN	RMA	GGC	BAR	CSP	LAR
Common Loon						2	1						
Pied-billed Grebe	5		1	5	11	9		1	2				
Horned Grebe					5		3					9	
Eared Grebe		12											
Western Grebe		160	36		2	6	110				1	175	
Clark's Grebe		40					1						
American White Pelican		30									1		
Double-crested Cormorant		100	22		5	8		6					
Great Blue Heron		16	2		3	5	2					2	
Black-crowned Night-Heron								1					
Canada Goose	58		70	3	75	62	200	60	60		175		
Wood Duck								3					
Green-winged Teal		20		10	56		2	50	60				
Mallard	44	17	12	40	22	110	30	75	30			12	6
Northern Pintail					8		25	12	10				
Blue-winged Teal							2				4		
"Blue-winged" teal species				4									
Northern Shoveler	6	1		30	40	3	1	50	30				
Gadwall	4		30	40	42	30	22	75	25			100	
American Wigeon	5		1	100	285	16	8	37	5				
Canvasback					8				20				
Redhead	4		6	30	18	3	20		20				
Ring-necked Duck				15	75	13	1		100				
Lesser Scaup							20						
Bufflehead						2			16				
Hooded Merganser								4					
Common Merganser						6						4	
Ruddy Duck			30	6					2				
Turkey Vulture			1										
Osprey		1	2									3	
Bald Eagle							2				2		
Northern Harrier		1		1			2	1	4		2	2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1						1				
Accipiter species										1			
Swainson's Hawk											1		
Red-tailed Hawk		2		2		1	1			1	1	3	2
Western races			2		3				9				
Ferruginous Hawk			1										
Buteo species											1		
Golden Eagle													1
American Kestrel		1			2	2	1				1		1
Merlin		1											
Prairie Falcon									1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		1									1		
American Coot	6	48	2	60	400	200	36	4	300		55	100	
Sandhill Crane											2		
Black-bellied Plover			2										
Killdeer		1	7	40	6	1	9	3	1		3		
Lesser Yellowlegs											3		
Solitary Sandpiper								1					
Baird's Sandpiper									2				
Long-billed Dowitcher					2								
Common Snipe				1	2			1					

OCTOBER 1998	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31	6	13	20	27
	WRG	CCR	CSP	PRP	BLD	SPP	BAR	WAN	RMA	GGC	BAR	CSP	LAR
Franklin's Gull		1										8	
Ring-billed Gull	35	100	136	60	60	5	1100	28	4		200	90	
California Gull		2	3										
Herring Gull			1				6						
Sabine's Gull		2i											
Caspian Tern			1a1i										
Forster's Tern		4	4										
Rock Dove	4	2	50		10	6		150	10			50	
Mourning Dove	2	3			1	7	2		2		2	1	
Great Horned Owl			1		1				3		1		
Common Nighthawk												1	
Belted Kingfisher	3	2	7	1	3	4	1	4	1		1	2	2
Williamson's Sapsucker										1			
Downy Woodpecker	3		1				2	4	5		2	2	
Hairy Woodpecker									1	2			
Northern Flicker		9					5			3	3	6	3
"Red-shafted" race	22		9	3		9		11	6				
Cliff Swallow		10											
Barn Swallow		100											
Steller's Jay										10		1	6
Blue Jay	2	2		4	1	1					3		
Western Scrub-Jay													2
Clark's Nutcracker										1			
Black-billed Magpie	20	6	21	6	16	13	8	18	32	1	7	24	3
American Crow	20	4	3	8	14	15	41	30	2		4	20	4
Common Raven					2					1			2
Black-capped Chickadee	12	2	16	16		3	7		10	3	2	16	10
Mountain Chickadee										2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch											1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	1												
Pygmy Nuthatch										9			
Brown Creeper										1	3		
American Dipper													6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											4		
Western Bluebird							2						
Mountain Bluebird							1			15		2	
Townsend's Solitaire							1			2			2
Hermit Thrush											3		
American Robin	42	2	17	2	12	1	2	12	5	1		90	3
American Pipit			1										
Cedar Waxwing			7										
Loggerhead Shrike									1				
European Starling	26	1	6		30	15	300	250	60	25	30	45	
"Solitary" Vireo	1												
Orange-crowned Warbler	1		1	1							2		
Black-throated Blue Warbler											1f		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8	3	5	10			2			2	35		
Townsend's Warbler											2		
Wilson's Warbler	3	1										1	
Green-tailed Towhee										1			
American Tree Sparrow							2		5				6
Chipping Sparrow				10							2	2	
Clay-colored Sparrow		5											

OCTOBER 1998	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31	6	13	20	27
	WRG	CCR	CSP	PRP	BLD	SPP	BAR	WAN	RMA	GGC	BAR	CSP	LAR
Song Sparrow	1	4	3	1		1	6		8	2	1	1	3
Lincoln's Sparrow				2									
Swamp Sparrow		1									1		
White-throated Sparrow											1		
White-crowned Sparrow				15			10	1i	6		13	22	1
"Gambell's" race			4		10								
Dark-eyed Junco											11		2
"Slate-colored" race									1				
"Oregon" race									2				
"Pink-sided" race							11		125				
Red-winged Blackbird	2	20			30	5	240		50		35		
Western Meadowlark		3	5	10		11	35		65	10	8	35	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3											
Brewer's Blackbird				20							25		
Common Grackle	1	1	2	10	5		1				11		
Brown-headed Cowbird						3							
Blackbird species													35
House Finch		1			7	11	4	1	48			3	2
Pine Siskin							1						
Lesser Goldfinch		2											
American Goldfinch		2		30	6		10		3				
Evening Grosbeak										2			28
House Sparrow	2	7				8	15	15			13		
TOTAL SPECIES	28	47	41	34	37	35	48	29	42	22	44	31	22
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	343	757	533	585	1278	597	2314	906	1153	98	671	832	130

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

December 5, Saturday **(LSP)**
Lower South Platte and environs
Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194
Meet leader at 0730 at South Platte River Park parking lot, west of So. Santa Fe Dr. on Mineral Ave. Will walk 2-3 miles. Bring lunch.

December 6, Sunday **(CAC)**
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: JB Hayes, 303-798-9683
Meet at 0800 at new visitor's center at State Park, five miles south of Franktown on CO-83. Two miles walking on moderate trails. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

December 12-13, Saturday-Sunday
Christmas Count scouting trips

December 19, Saturday
Denver Area Christmas Count
Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035
See details next page
Colorado Springs Count
Sally and Ben Sorensen, 719-635-1716
Longmont Count
Ron Harden, 970-667-3819
Virginia Dionigi, 303-776-2609
Pueblo Reservoir Count
Mark Yeager, 719-543-2724

December 20, Sunday
Boulder Count
Bill Kaempfer, 303-939-8005
Evergreen-Idaho Springs Count
Larry White, 303-674-0535
Grand Junction Count
Coen Dexter, 970-464-7971
Rich Levad, 970-242-3979
Penrose Count
Rosie Watts, 719-372-6679
Rocky Mountain National Park Count
Scott Roederer, 970-586-8812

December 21, Monday
Rocky Ford Count
Mark Janos, 719-544-5002

December 26 Saturday
Barr Lake Count
Tony Leukering, 303-659-4348
Westcliffe Count
Dave Johnson, 719-545-5548

December 27, Sunday
Douglas County Count
Ann Bonnell, 303-973-6211 (call by Dec. 23)

January 1, Friday
Denver Urban Count
Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723
Greeley Count
Richard Maxfield, 970-352-6661
Mesa Count
Rich Levad, 970-242-3979

January 2, Saturday
Lake Isabel Count
David Silverman, 719-489-3565
Lake McConaughy, Nebraska Count
Stephen J. Dinsmore, 970-482-5264

EARLY JANUARY TRIPS

January 3, Sunday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Meet leader at 0830 at the east end of the north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at No. Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Bring lunch and plenty of snacks. We'll spend the day on back roads looking for wintering raptors, etc.

January 9, Saturday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon
Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265

January 10, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Recreational Area
Leader: Lynn Solomon, 303-680-4332

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947

45th DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1998

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035)
Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-794-2647)
Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. The Ken Caryl Ranch area still does not have a leader, and it will not be covered unless a volunteer is found to help out. If you are interested in leading this area, please contact the Count Leader as soon as possible. All participants are invited to attend the compilation meeting following the Count to find out how well we did. It is a lot of fun.

Fees: Each observer must pay a $5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. This fee, required by National Audubon, is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official CBC's in *American Birds*. Participants must pay the $5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks must be made payable to *National Audubon Society*, not to the Denver Field Ornithologists.

Pre-counts: Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count.

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count day, Saturday, December 19.

Area Number and Location	Area Leader and Telephone Number	
1. Red Rocks Park	Bob Brown	303-791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer	303-279-4682
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins	303-969-8909
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Mortimer Staatz	303-279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte - East	Ed Holub	303-979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte - West	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte - West	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7B. Middle South Platte - East	Hugh Kingery	303-814-2723
8. Chatfield State Park	Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
9. Upper South Platte	Carolyn Cooley	303-798-9010
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward	303-937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	David Laliberte	303-297-1390
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch	303-233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson	303-816-9620
16. Upper Bear Creek	Dave Quesenberry	303-796-7603
17. Ken Caryl Ranch		
18. Garrison Gate	Chuck Aid	303-329-0082
19. Morrison/Willowbrook	Jackie King	303-287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Bob Frager	303-795-2614
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (W)_____ (H)_____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (W)_____ (H)_____

Description of project:

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What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

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Amount of funding requested:

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Details of how funds will be used:

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Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

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Signature_____ Date_____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for:
- ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
- ☐ Field Trip Leader
- ☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW ☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership $25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists
Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 6
"Birds of Colorado"
A CD-ROM Demo by Joe LaFleur

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144
DFO Home Page: members.aol.com/dfobirders

November 1, Sunday **(HUT)**
Hutton Lake NWR
Canceled due inclement weather.

November 7, Saturday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park, Platte Canyon Reservoir, Roxborough Village Pond
Leader: Joey Kellner
0700-1630, 35 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Overcast to partly cloudy, wind west 5-15 mph, 31-39°F.
Observers: Ann Lee, Randy Lentz, Bob Righter, Karleen Schofield.
69 species, 1,829 individuals.

November 8, Sunday **(SPP)**
South Platte Park to include Cooley Lake
Leaders: Doris Cruze, Phil Waltz
0930-1145, zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 0-10 mph, 40-45°F.
Observers: Dan Brachear, Dave Compton, Dennis Downing, Bob Frager, Carol Haskell, Andrea Lani, Kurt Lani, David Metz, Kevin Metz, Bob Miller, Judy Miller, Hillary Redmond, Lisa Redmond, Melodie Sheisme, Mark Wallace, Leslie Wildsen.
27 species, 722 individuals.

November 14, Saturday **(JAR)**
Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir
Leader: Ira Sanders
0800-1700, 170 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west 1-7 mph, 35-68°F.
Observers: Bob Bierling, Elaine Coley, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Glenn Hageman, Richard Mendez, Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi.
68 species, 2,005 individuals.

November 15, Sunday **(BDR)**
Boulder area including Baseline and Dodd Reservoirs and Walden-Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Area
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0820-1430, 50 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south 5-18 mph.
Observers: Bob Frager, Carol Fredericks, Ivan Getting, Ann Lee, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jack R. Russell. 38 species, 4,208 individuals.

November 21, Saturday **(BAR)**
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Lee Rowe
0800-1230, zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind west light, 45-65°F.
Observers: Dan Brachear, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Greg Goodrich, Richard Mendez, Glenn Walbek.
36 species, 3,699 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is $25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is $5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

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November 22, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Steve Kennedy
0800-1200, 8 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 0-10 mph, 48-72°F.
Observers: Ursula Barsch, Ann Brna, Rich Cuellar, Beverlee Guild, Debbie Kennedy, Loch Kilpatrick, Randy Lentz, Lynn Solomon.
45 species, 1,157 individuals.

November 27, Friday **(LNG)**
Longmont area to Walden Ponds
Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens
0830-1300, 40 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 0-3 mph, 45-70°F.
Observers: Bob Frager, Dick Pratt, Buzz Schaumberg, Lynn Solomon, Marcia Sullivan, Ru Wing.
46 species, 7,837 individuals.

November 28, Saturday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Mt. Olivet ponds
Leader: Ruth Breckon
0830-1300, zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, 45°F.
Observers: Dave Compton, Dennis Fischer, Letty Fischer, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Sue Kane, Jack Russell.
31 species, 1,152 individuals.

November 29, Sunday **(SPR)**
South Platte Riverwalk to include Riverside Cemetery and Riverdale Drive
Leader: David Laliberte
0830-1530, 56.6 miles by car, 0.9 miles on foot.
Cloudy to clear, wind southwest 13-20 mph, 47-61°F.
Observers: Marge Burgess, Bob Frager, Beverlee Guild.
44 species, 2,171 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 3 *Canceled due inclement weather.*

November 10 *Canceled due inclement weather.*

November 17, Tuesday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell, 44 observers.
0900-1200, zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Mostly cloudy, calm, 45-54°F.
37 species, 1,405 individuals.

November 24, Tuesday **(BCP)**
Old Stone House (Estes at Yale) Bear Creek Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell, 29 observers.
0900-1200, zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind northwest 4-12 mph, 58-68°F.
26 species, 289 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

REMEMBER TO RENEW

Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1998, it will expire December 31 and will terminate January 31, 1999. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is successful largely because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering by checking one or more of the boxes on the renewal form!

A JOB WELL DONE

As everyone should be aware by now, Lea Ann Brown will be leaving her position as Editor of the *Lark Bunting* after this issue. Lea Ann has done a wonderful job of handling this very demanding task for the past several years and we are greatly indebted to her. I would like to personally express my appreciation for a job very well done.

Norm Lewis
President

NEW *LARK BUNTING* CONTACTS

Beginning with the **January 1999** issue, we will begin producing the *Lark Bunting* using an editorial staff rather than a single editor. Our Editor-in-Chief (for lack of a better title!) will be David Quesenberry, who will undertake the responsibility for assembling and formatting the various sections of the newsletter and getting it to the printer.

Associate Editors will include: Sherry Chapman (Upcoming Field Trips); David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilations); Joey Kellner (Additional Reports); Norm Lewis (Announcements).

Please telephone, mail, or E-mail any information you may have to the appropriate Associate Editor.

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Field trip leaders are reminded to get their results to David Laliberte as soon as possible after the trip to give him adequate lead time in preparing the results for publication.

SECOND COSTA RICA TRIP OFFERED

Take a winter break! Bird Costa Rica with Alicia and Dieter Kamm, February 19 through March 5, 1999. For information and itinerary contact Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

"Hawks and Owls of Colorado"
Two Denver area classroom sessions on identification and natural history on Monday, January 18 and Thursday, January 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Field trip to Front Range locations follows on Saturday, January 23, with the 24th as a snow makeup date. Call Tina Jones, instructor, at 303-794-2647 for information and class location. Sponsored by Denver Botanic Gardens. $30 for members, $40 non-members.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

Because the club has no control over postal delivery dates, our able trip schedulers Jackie King, Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn Willcockson have graciously agreed to help by posting five weeks of schedules in each newsletter whenever possible.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately $1,000 to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is at back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

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Paul Gary Conover
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Paul Gary Conover
Warren Finch (In memory of Alan Hay, Joe TenBrink and Ruth Wheeler)
John Mead and Marie Grosshuesch

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Robert Spencer

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Jack R. Russell
1561 Harlan St., Denver, CO 80214,
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SPECIES	CSP	SPP	JAR	BDR	BAR	CCR	LNG	WRG	SPR	WRG	BCP
Pacific Loon			2		1						
Common Loon	2	1	2			6					
Pied-billed Grebe	3	4	4	3	1	6	17	7	4	3	3
Horned Grebe		1	2	3		11	2				
Eared Grebe	2		5			350					
Western Grebe	171		200		9	58	8		1		
Clark's Grebe			1								
American White Pelican			4			1					
Double-crested Cormorant	2		4	1	3	2					
Great Blue Heron	3	3	1	2	1	2			2		1
Tundra Swan							4				
Snow Goose	3										
"White" morph			60								
"Blue" morph			1								
Canada Goose	162	12	680	2930	800	208	2000	820	163	600	125
Wood Duck			1								
Green-winged Teal	48	2	1	26	4	37	15	8	18		
Mallard	11	175	25	93	200	3	2040	14	48	100	25
Northern Pintail	7			19	50		25		23		
Northern Shoveler	72			12	400	2	252	58	48	10	
Gadwall	51	40	2	32		10	2	15	63	8	3
American Wigeon	24	6		123	6		37	6	23	20	
Canvasback	23			20			18	1	1	4	
Redhead	5		2	9	3		12	8	1	4	10
Ring-necked Duck	2		3	34	1		10	4	6		
Lesser Scaup	25		5	2			1	20	7	6	
Oldsquaw			1								
Black Scoter							1				
Common Goldeneye	9	2	50	8	16	110	25	15	17	6	1
Bufflehead	5	2	10	1		3	3	15	10	2	
Hooded Merganser	24		4	8		1	17	8	9	4	1m1f
Common Merganser	104	4	128		4	4	5				
Red-breasted Merganser	9					1					
Ruddy Duck	10		1				2		1f	1	
Bald Eagle			3		1a2i	1			1		
Northern Harrier	3		3	1i	8	3m	3		1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		3								
Accipiter species		1					1				
Swainson's Hawk											
Red-tailed Hawk	5			6	1	4		1			1
Western races			2				2		5		
"Harlan's" race			1								1
"Krider's" race									1		
Ferruginous Hawk	1								1		
Buteo species				4							
Golden Eagle	1			1a							
American Kestrel	3		6	1	3	2m1f	12		5		1m1f
Prairie Falcon	1	1								1	
Ring-necked Pheasant			5		1	1c					

	7	8	14	15	21	22	27	28	29	17	24
SPECIES	CSP	SPP	JAR	BDR	BAR	CCR	LNG	WRG	SPR	WRG	BCP
Virginia Rail	3					1c		1h			
Sora			1								
American Coot	150	275	40	128	25	61	216		32	300	1
Black-bellied Plover	1										
Killdeer	18	2	2					1	1		
Lesser Yellowlegs	1										
Spotted Sandpiper	1										
Baird's Sandpiper			6								
Common Snipe	2										
Bonaparte's Gull						56					
Ring-billed Gull	102	4	50	134	80	83	39	42	145	50	1
California Gull	24		1	1		20					
Herring Gull	9		10			1					
Rock Dove	30	10	1	5		7	3	11	27	9	4
Mourning Dove	1		10						1		
Great Horned Owl			2	2							
Belted Kingfisher	6	5	1	4		1m2f	2	2	2	1	1m1f
Downy Woodpecker	1		2		2	2m1f	2		2	5	1
Northern Flicker		3								12	20
Yellow-shafted" race			1	1							
"Red-shafted" race	16		11	2	8	8	2	19	3		
Horned Lark	14		25								
Blue Jay			20		1		1			1	
Black-billed Magpie	20	8	15	6	12	15	15	9	43	28	12
American Crow	308	10	1	14			50	12	4	40	6
Common Raven	1										
Black-capped Chickadee	52	4	15	3	3	1	1	2	3	20	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	3									2	
Winter Wren			1								
Marsh Wren			1								
American Dipper								1		2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1				1	1
Mountain Bluebird	4										
Townsend's Solitaire	3		2			1					
American Robin	90	4	28	2		3	7	2		3	
American Pipit	5										
Northern Shrike	2										
European Starling	90	25	1	550		25	427	25	1017	55	14
Common Yellowthroat	1										
Spotted Towhee										2	
American Tree Sparrow	14		10	3	10	12	10				25
Chipping Sparrow					6						
Song Sparrow	11	2	40	6	3	3	2		1	4	14
White-throated Sparrow										4	
White-crowned Sparrow	1		35		8			4		2	
"Gambel's" race							8		7		
Dark-eyed Junco			40							15	5
"White-winged" race										1	
"Slate-colored" race	2				4	5	1		2		

	7	8	14	15	21	22	27	28	29		17	24
SPECIES	CSP	SPP	JAR	BDR	BAR	CCR	LNG	WRG	SPR		WRG	BCP
Dark-eyed Junco (con't)												
"Oregon" race	2				8	2			12			
"Pink-sided" race	20				4				2			
"Gray-headed" race												
Red-winged Blackbird	7	6	100	7	2000	21	2500	25	305			
Western Meadowlark	1		6	1	8		1		5			
Yellow-headed Blackbird			15									
Brewer's Blackbird			210						50			
Great-tailed Blackbird			10									
Common Grackle			8									
Brown-headed Cowbird			50					1				
House Finch	13		4		1	2	2	3	28		54	
Pine Siskin	1											
American Goldfinch	6		8		1		1		5		6	1
House Sparrow			1			4	32		15		20	4
TOTAL SPECIES	69	27	68	38	36	45	46	31	44		37	26
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1829	722	2005	4208	3699	1157	7837	1152	2171		1405	289

ADDITIONAL REPORTS NOVEMBER 1998

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	11/12-13	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	11/24-25	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Pacific Loon	11/12-28	1-5	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, mo
	11/16-23	1	Valco Pond #3	Pueblo	BP, mo
Common Loon	11/21	2j	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
	11/26	9w	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JB Hayes
Yellow-billed Loon	11/25	1w	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	JBH
Pied-billed Grebe	11/21	41	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
Red-necked Grebe	11/4	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, Ken Hollinga
	11/1-12	1fy	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	JBH
Eared Grebe	11/21	113	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
Western Grebe	11/21	7	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
American Bittern	11/17	1	Platte Canyon Reservoir	Douglas	JBH
Tundra Swan	11/29	4a	Cottonwood Marsh, Walden Ponds	Boulder	BP, Mark Janos
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/1	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Ross' Goose	11/2-8	1-2i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
	11/16	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Green-winged Teal	11/21	1m, 3f	Silverthorne Sewage Ponds	Summit	TL, SB
Greater Scaup	11/5	1f	Platte Canyon Reservoir	Douglas	JBH
	11/20	1f	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	JBH
Black Scoter	11/26	9f	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
Surf Scoter	11/29	1f or i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson-Douglas	BP, MJ
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/1	6am, 5af	County Rd. 492 just beyond Rd. 491	Grand	Tina Jones, Diane Sinnhold
	11/3	1f	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	BP, KH
	11/21	2af, 1if	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
	11/22	3am, 3af, 1if	South end Green Mtn. Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB, Rich Levad
	11/23	1am	Valco Pond #3	Pueblo	BP
	11/29	1am	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	BP, MJ, mo
Bufflehead	11/21	2am, 6f or i	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
Common Merganser	11/22	2f	Green Mtn. Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB, RL
Red-breasted Merganser	11/8	5am, 4af	Baseline Reservoir	Boulder	TJ
	11/10	12f	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
	11/12	15f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	JBH
Osprey	11/1	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	TL
	11/30	1j	US-50 west of Best Western Motel in Lamar	Prowers	TJ
Northern Goshawk	11/18	1am	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
	11/29	1a	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, Dan Svingen
Merlin	11/29	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
American Coot	11/21	34	Dillon Reservoir	Summit	TL, SB
Black-bellied Plover	11/1	5j	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
Spotted Sandpiper	11/16	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
Baird's Sandpiper	1/1	2	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
Stilt Sandpiper	11/4-6	1w	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	JBH
Laughing Gull	11/12-14	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, mo
Little Gull	11/8	1i	Barr Lake	Adams	TL, SB
Mew Gull	11/24	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP
Thayer's Gull	11/7-28	1-2fw	Valco Ponds-Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, mo
Glaucous-winged Gull	11/11-12	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	BP, mo
Sabine's Gull	11/1	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	TL
Eurasian Collared-Dove	11/22	26	Rocky Ford	Otero	BP, MJ, Bob Dickson
Greater Roadrunner	11/29	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Northern Saw-whet Owl	11/3	1h	Near Beulah	Pueblo	BP, KH
Bushtit	11/22	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ, BD
	11/28-29	1m	Little Washington Work Center Comanche Nat. Grassland	Baca	DS, Ila Svingen

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Winter Wren	11/8	2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	BP, MJ
	11/29	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11/8	1	West of Olive Marsh	Pueblo	BP, MJ
	11/22	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BP, MJ, BD
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	11/29	2	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Eastern Bluebird	11/29	2m, 1f	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Savannah Sparrow	11/8	1	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, SB
White-throated Sparrow	11/3	20	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	BP, KH
	11/8	1	West of Olive Marsh	Pueblo	BP, MJ
	11/30	6a	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	TJ
Golden-crowned Sparrow	11/6-7	1i	Barr Lake SP	Adams	TL, KH
Harris' Sparrow	11/1	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	BB
Yellow-headed Blackbird	11/29	1f	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Great-tailed Grackle	11/19	174	West side of Barr Lake	Adams	TL
Brown-headed Cowbird	11/29	3m, 1f	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	TL, DS
Lesser Goldfinch	11/8	1m	Baseline Reservoir	Boulder	TL, SB

a adult, m male, f female, i immature, j juvenile, h heard, fy first year, c calling, nb non-breeding, w winter (basic), sy second year

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

January 2, Saturday
Join a local area Christmas Count
Call Karleen Schofield for details, 303-936-8661.

January 3, Sunday **(NEC)**
Northeast Colorado
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Meet leader at 0830 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch, water and plenty of snacks, as we'll spend the day on back roads looking for wintering raptors, etc.

January 9, Saturday **(PRP)**
Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265
Meet leader at 0830 at park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker go south on Parker Rd. (CO-83) 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking on right. Bring lunch.

January 10, Sunday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Recreation Area
Leader: Lynn Solomon, 303-680-4332
Meet leader at 0800 just inside west gate to park east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, bring lunch.

January 16, Saturday **(BLD)**
Boulder area to include Valmont Reservoir
Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682
Meet leader at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant. From US-36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Rd., east two miles to 63rd St., then north 0.25 miles to entrance. Full day trip, bring lunch.

January 17, Sunday **(ROX)**
Roxborough State Park
Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072
Meet at 0800 at Visitor's Center. Hoping for raptors. State Parks Pass required. Lunch optional.

January 23, Saturday **(WRG)**
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Ruth Breckon, 303-403-4513
Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Lake Park in Wheat Ridge, south of W. 44th Ave. east of Robb St. Half day trip.

January 24, Sunday **(SPR)**
South Platte River
Leader: David Laliberte, 303-382-1180
or 303-297-1390
Meet leader at 0830 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch, full day trip.

January 30, Saturday **(FAM)**
Foothills and Mountains
Leader: Warren Finch, 303-233-3372
Call leader for meeting and carpooling information. Will look for Wild Turkey, Blue Grouse and White-tailed Ptarmigan. Trip limited to four-wheel drive vehicles. Winter driving conditions. Bring lunch, full day trip.

January 31, Sunday **(CSP)**
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ira Sanders, 303-278-7172
Meet leader at 0800 at fee station just inside west entrance to park. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

February 6, Saturday **(CCR)**
Cherry Creek Recreation Area
Leader: Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351
Meet leader at 0830 just inside west gate to park east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

February 7, Sunday **(LMC)**
Lake McConaughy, Nebraska
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Meet leader at 0700 at Denver Museum of Natural History, or call to arrange a more northerly meeting place. The drive takes four hours each way. If the lakes have frozen, hundreds of Bald Eagles congregate. Bring lunch and snacks and be prepared for a long, fun day!

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (W)_____ (H)_____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (W)_____ (H)_____

Description of project:

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What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

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Amount of funding requested:

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Details of how funds will be used:

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Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

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Signature_____ Date_____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:
☐ — NEW ☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership $25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists
Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589